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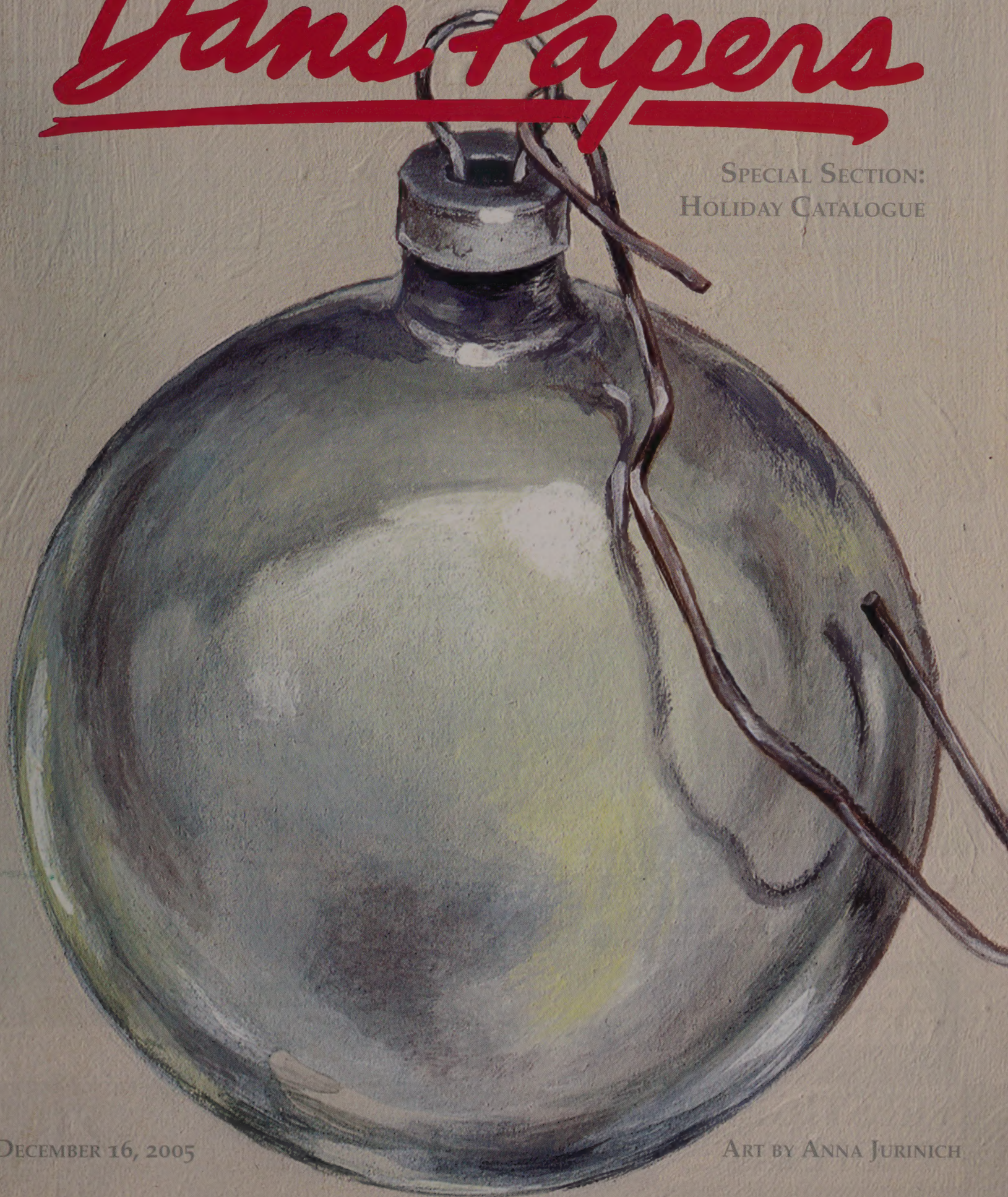

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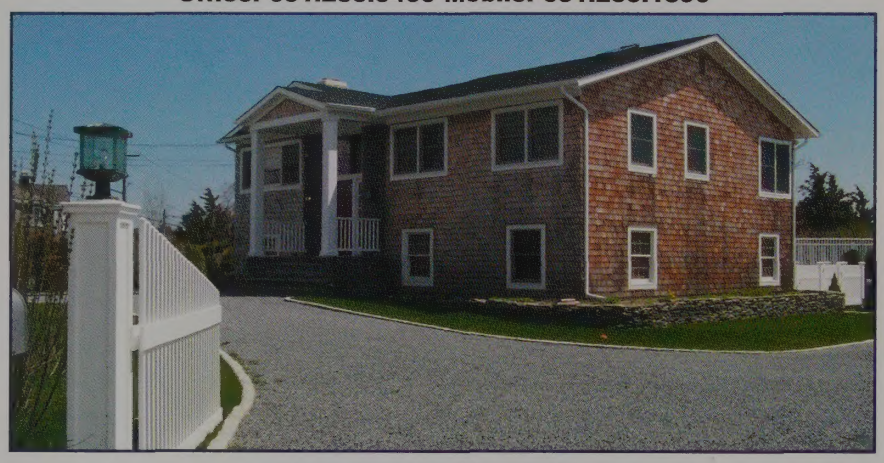

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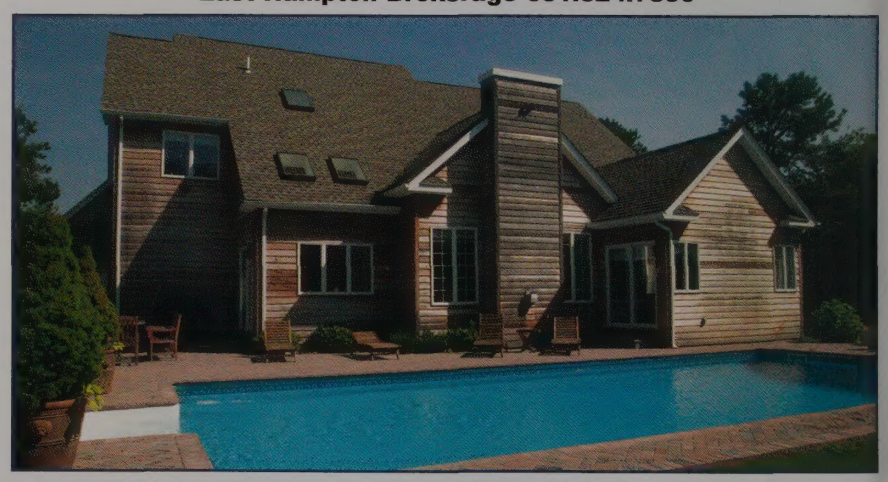

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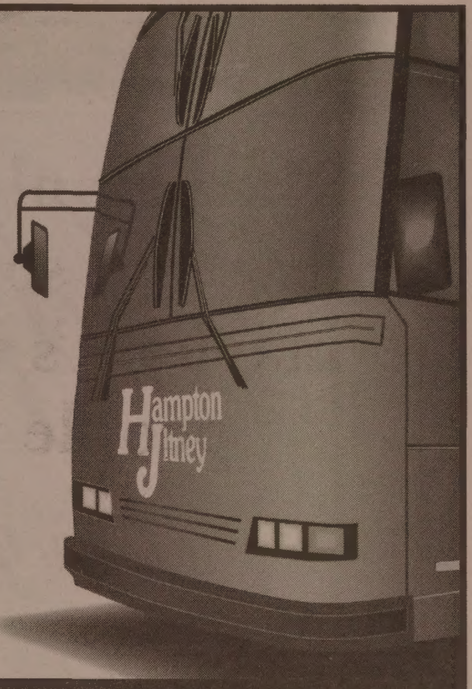

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Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular Tues., Dec. 20th - $150 pp. Get into the holiday season early and see this year's Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular! Package includes orchestra ticket, lunch at Giambelli's 50th Restaurant, and deluxe round-trip transportation.

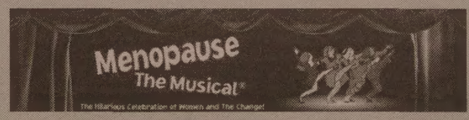
Atlantic City – Tropicana Hotel & Casino (overnight trip) **Mon., Jan. 9th – Tues., Jan. 10th - Single occ., $155 pp., double occ., $115 pp., triple occ., $105 pp.** Travel to Atlantic City in style! Package includes $10 in coins, dinner voucher, show (if available), room, tax and deluxe round-trip transportation. May lady luck be with you!

The Lion King Wed., Jan. 11th - $150 pp. Hailed as a Broadway landmark, *The Lion King* tells the story of the epic adventures of a young lion cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destined role as king. The story is enhanced by the lyrics of Tim Rice and the music of Elton John. Package includes orchestra ticket, lunch at a fine NYC restaurant (to be announced) and deluxe round-trip transportation.

New York Knicks vs. Orlando Magic Fri., Jan. 27th - $75 pp. Join us for a trip to Madison Square Garden and receive a replica John Starks jersey. Game time is 7:30 pm. Package includes deluxe round-trip transportation.

Chita Rivera – The Dancer's Life Wed., Feb. 15th - $150 pp. Gypsy extraordinaire Chita Rivera relives many of her (and Broadway's) finest moments in the musical celebration of the life and art of this fine singer/actress/dancer. According to production notes, *The Dancer's Life* is a "tour through landmark creations in the American theatre that were helmed by some of the greatest talents in its history, including Jerome Robbins, Leonard Bernstein, Bob Fosse, Gower Champion and Michael Kidd." The production will feature new songs by *Ragtime's* Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty and will include numbers from *West Side Story, Chicago* and *Kiss of the Spider Woman.* Package includes orchestra show ticket, lunch at Pigalle and round-trip transportation.

Menopause, The Musical Sun., Feb. 26th - $130 pp. The hilarious celebration of women and "The Change," this original parody chronicles the meeting of four women at a lingerie sale at Bloomingdale's who have nothing in common but a black lace bra, memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, hormones, not enough sex and more. Uses pop songs of the 1960's and 70's to celebrate life after 40. Package includes orchestra ticket, lunch at a fine NYC restaurant (TBD) and deluxe round-trip transportation.



Philadelphia Flower Show Sun., Mar. 5th and Sat., Mar. 11th - $75 pp. The theme of this year's flower show is "Enchanted Spring...A Tribute to Mother Nature." Package includes admission to the flower show and deluxe round-trip transportation.

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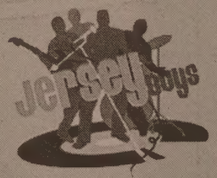

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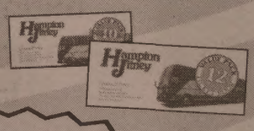

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Chestnut Ravioli 10	Twin Lobster Tail 38
Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail 14	Saint Peter Fish 26
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Mushroom Risotto 12	Filet Mignon 35

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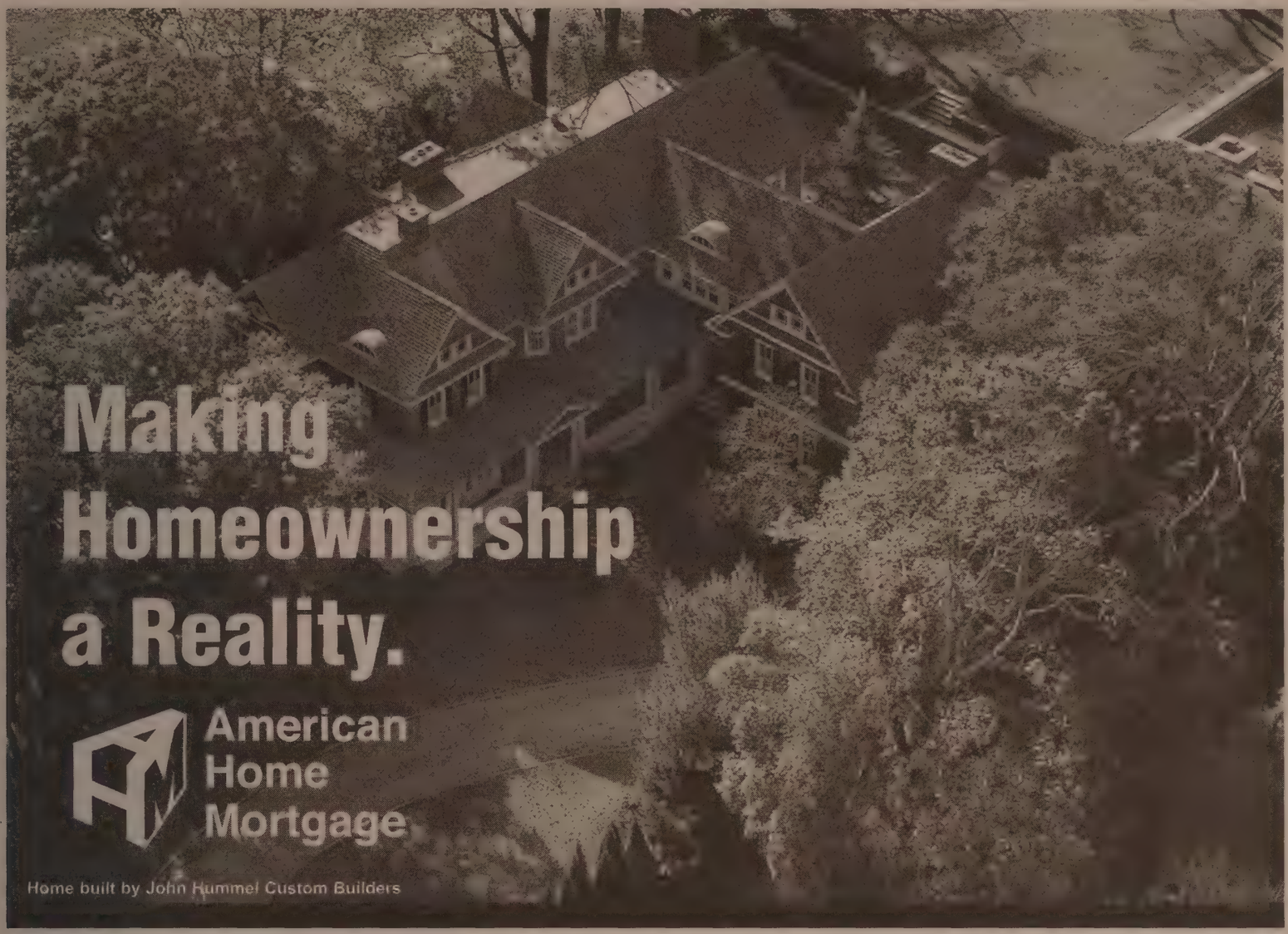

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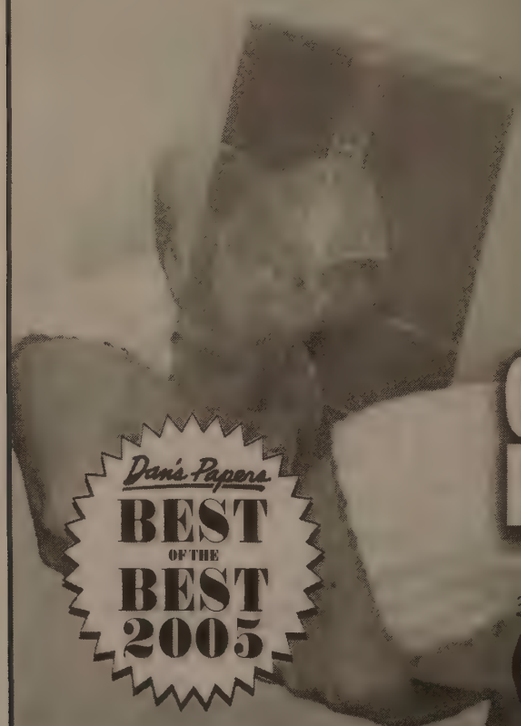

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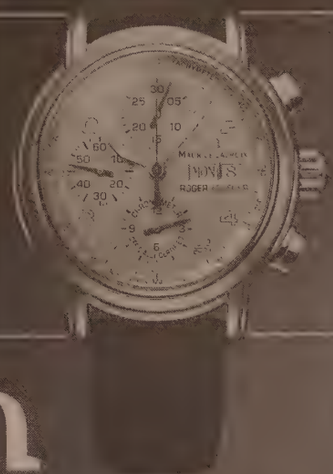

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

A Christmas Fairytale to be Read Aloud To Children (of all ages in the Hamptons)

By Dan Rattiner

"The meeting will come to order," the chairman said. "The Southampton Town Zoning Board is now in session. The secretary will please take notes. So let's get right to it. What is first on the agenda?"

It was a Tuesday night, eight p.m. And outside on Main Street, one could hear the strollers talking animatedly as they went about their business of Christmas shopping. It was a warm night. The stores were all decorated in their holiday lights and they were open late.

"There is only one item on the agenda," the secretary said. "The application of an S. Claus. He has recently purchased the old Osborne estate on Meadow Lane."

"Is there somebody here to speak for him? Anyone for S. Claus?"

People looked around. The meeting hall was filled with people. And from the back, there came a voice.

"I represent Mr. Claus," the voice said. It was a high squeaky voice.

"Could you stand up, please?" the chairman asked.

"I am standing up."

The crowd fidgeted from one foot to the other.

"Stand up higher. Could you get on the chair?"

And so there he was, way in the back. An elf, three foot tall, with a red stocking cap and white coat. And holding some architectural plans.

"I represent Mr. Claus."

"Well, then, come up to the front please, with the plans."

People made way for the elf. He went through the legs of some of the taller people, around some of the shorter people. And pretty soon he was up at the front.

"Will the clerk please pin the plans up on the bulletin board?" the chairman said. They were pinned. "Thank you." And then to the elf. "Now, what does Mr. Claus, I presume this is Santa Claus, am I correct……"

"Yes."

"……have in mind here?"

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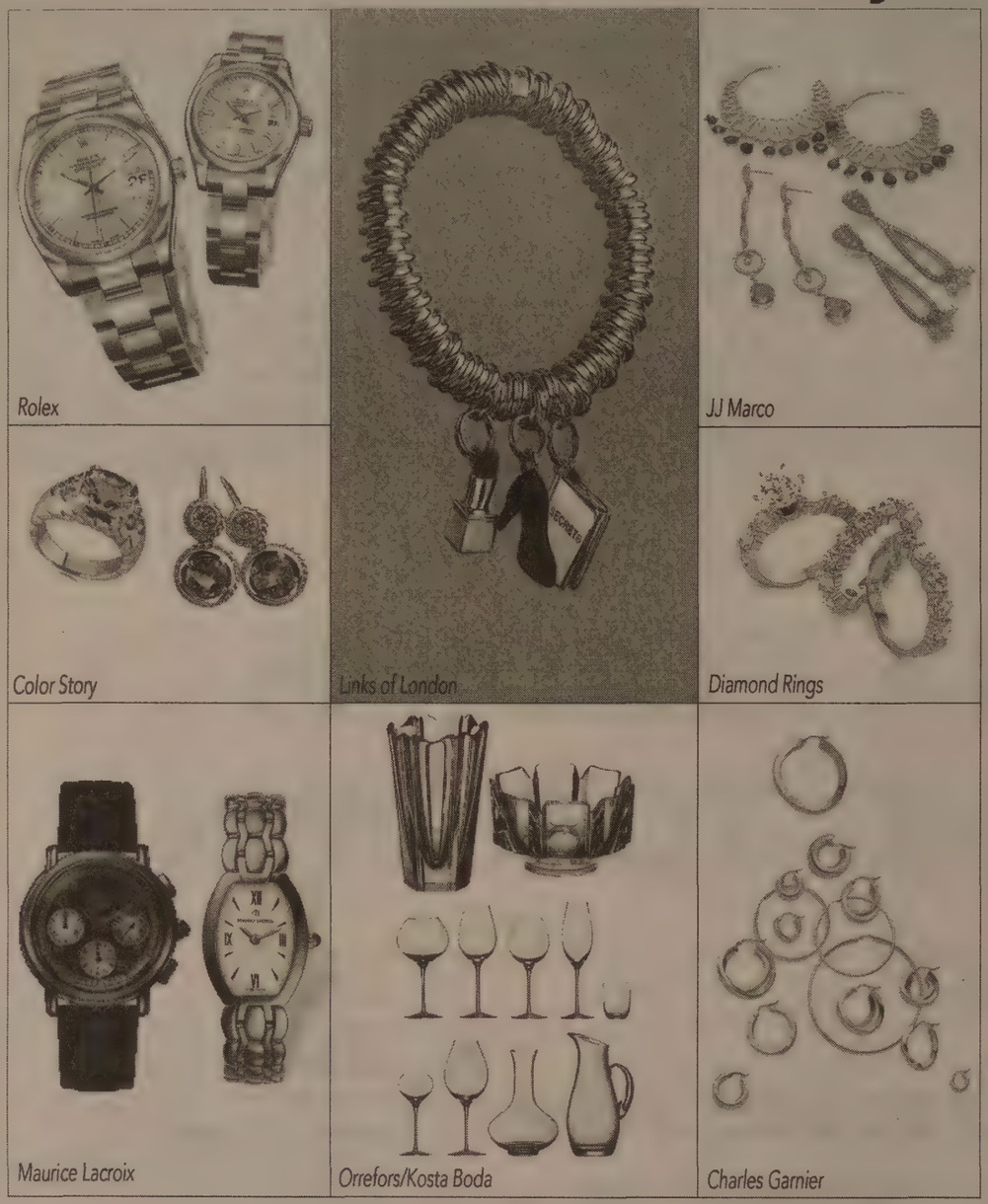

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Last weekend **Alec Baldwin** hosted "Saturday Night Live" for an almost unheard of 12th time. Mr. Baldwin is now tied for second places with **John Goodman** (who hosted the show once a season for 11 seasons in a row). The first place record is held by **Steve Martin**, who has hosted 13 times. Baldwin first walked across the stage on April 21st, 1990.

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Last week, an agreement was reached between the Writers Guild of America East and Big Big Productions, marking the end to the five-month strike outside of Wainscott Studios. "Big Big Productions has been active-

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BREAKING NEWS

Jewish Center Decisions

The struggle for control of the Jewish Center in East Hampton has heated up, with one decision made this past week and several more expected during the next three. It is possible that this agonizing battle, which nobody wants, might soon come to an end.

The decision made last Friday, involving Justice Ralph F. Costello of State Supreme Court, involved a complete reversal of a decision he made just the week before. In the earlier decision, he had ruled to honor a request by the Board of the Jewish Center, which is at odds with the majority of the Congregation. The Congregation had called a meeting of the membership during which, it was fully expected, it would dismiss the present board and replace it with a board more amenable to their point of view. The judge ruled that this meeting could not take place until he ruled on who was in charge, a decision he did not intend to make until mid-January after reviewing everything.

Now, changing his mind, he has ruled the other way. On Friday, he ruled the full Congregation can hold its meeting and vote to its hearts content. He will then decide in mid-January whether their vote is, according to the constitution of the institution and the laws of the land, valid. The vote will be held on December 25. The congregation totals 1,100 members, and includes some of the wealthiest men and women in the country.

At issue is the renewal of the contract of the Synagogue's rabbi, David J. Gelfand. His contract was scheduled to expire in August of 2005. The Board, coming upon material that they say suggested wrongdoing, decided not to renew the contract, but to extend it six months until they could learn the truth of the matter. The charges suggest the misuse of synagogue funds and plagiarism. The rabbi has denied all wrongdoing. But there is now a struggle for access to the files.

The congregation supports their popular rabbi overwhelmingly, and is expected to stand by him and oust the board, if it can, to judge by a recent rally they held. By count, nineteen of the twenty-one members of the board oppose the rabbi, based on what they say they have been able to learn. Or based on inaccurate information. No one seems to know for sure.

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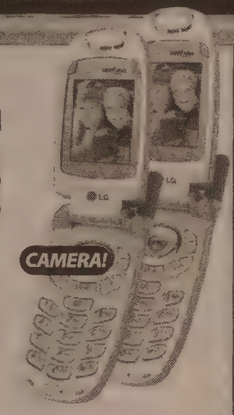

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"Well, he would like to make some improvements to it but basically, he wants to use it as a vacation home. He works hard. We all work hard. But then he'd like to come down, say, on weekends."

"We have no problem with that."

"But he has to stay in touch."

"For example."

"Well, for one thing, he wants to get a variance on the chimneys. There are two existing ones and he needs both. One for in, and one for out. And he wants to make them taller."

"How much taller."

"They are currently 35 feet. He wants to make them 40 feet."

"So he needs a variance."

"He also wants to rebuild them larger. They are in disrepair and he would normally just want to fix them up, which he could do because they are pre-existing, but since he has to fix them up, he wants to make them larger."

"Another variance. Why can't he use them as is? He uses everybody else's chimneys as they are."

"He might want to review a new gift we've come up with at the North Pole that is too big for a normal chimney. We'd want to fly it down."

"For instance."

"A Lincoln Navigator."

"Anything else?"

"Yes. This is a six-acre property on the ocean, as you see. He wanted it oceanfront so the reindeer could fly in and out over the ocean without getting into any problem with the airport controllers. They'd come in low. And he wanted it six acres or more, because he wants to build some out buildings on the property. For example, we need a stable for the reindeer. I have it marked out on the plan over here." He pointed a mittened finger at a rectangle on the site plan.

"Anything else?"

"And this is a building for the elves' workshop. For making new toys or changing their design or modifying older ones."

"Elves?"

"There will be elves, yes. But the main house has nine bedrooms. There will be plenty of room there for us. We just need a place to work."

At the far end of the dais, a man named Bloodworth, the oldest and meanest member of the Zoning Board, leaned forward and glared at the elf with his narrow, beady eyes.

"You're not planning to move the workshop here, are you?" he thundered. "This is a residential zone."

"Oh, no, no," the elf said. "I assure you. This is where Santa and the Missus intend to come to relax. But you can't expect him to just completely forget who he is or anything. He's still going to want to tinker."

"Tinker?" Bloodworth asked, sitting up straight. "You call this tinkering?"

"Oh, if you knew what we go through up at the Pole every year, sir, I assure you....."

"I would like it on the record," Bloodworth said, "that I do not consider this tinkering."

"Would anybody in the audience like to speak?" the chairman asked.

A bunch of hands went up. And the chairman pointed to one. A woman stood up.

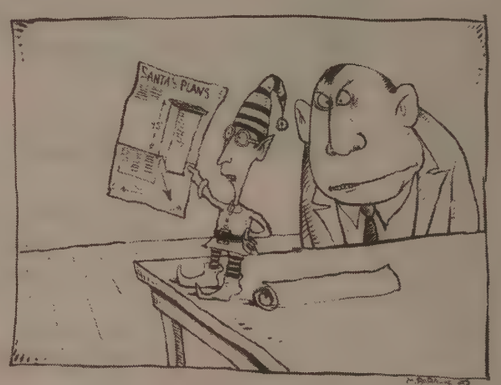
"My name is Mrs. Alice Robbins, and we live next door to the Osborne property to the east. We applied to have our chimney, which is 35 feet high, extended to 40 feet high, but the board wouldn't allow it. Can you give me any reason why we should have to look out at a forty foot chimney when we could not get one?"

The chairman raised an eyebrow. "Because it's Santa Claus?"

Mrs. Robbins sat down.

The chairman recognized a man.

"My name is Bimson and I represent the Federal Aviation Authority, and we strongly object to this application. Reindeer flying in and out. It's



blatantly illegal. We don't allow helicopters landing anywhere but at the airport and that special landing pad at Road G. How can we justify this?"

"It's Santa Claus," the chairman said. "Anybody else?"

He recognized another man. "I live just to the north of the Osborne property. What provisions are being made for the smell given off by reindeer? We are downwind. Are there going to be manure trucks going in and out

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Before

After

Indian Statue? Maybe

East Hampton Sculptor Works With Client for Public Square Project

By Dan Rattiner

One would think it's a good life being a sculptor. You get a commission and go off to your studio to carve a big statue. While you are there you get an idea for another statue so you do that too. Then you go have dinner at Nick and Toni's and the next day a long cup of coffee at the Candy Kitchen, and then you're back at the studio and carving some more. What could be bad?

Well, if you are Audrey Flack, a well-known sculptor with a studio in East Hampton on Cottage Lane, sometimes everything can go wrong.

There was the massive sculpture a New York developer commissioned her to build for the entrance to New York Harbor. Ships would steam into the harbor from overseas and on their left would be the Statue of Liberty on its little island off the coast of New Jersey, and on their left there would be this Statue of the Portuguese Princess Catherine of Braganza, standing on the shoreline of the Borough of Queens, for whom it was named. At 52 feet, she would be not quite so tall as the Statue of Liberty, but she would be there to welcome visitors to New York anyway, a reminder of the woman who married and became the Queen of King Charles II of England. A founding Mother, so to speak.

Audrey worked on this sculpture for many years. She made small models. The Queen would be holding a gazing ball in front of her. It was approved. She made a statue at half scale and that was approved. And then she began to embark upon the statue at full scale.

At this point, a group of Queens' citizens was formed to stop the statue. Most of the members of the group were black. When Catherine was queen, Portugal was in the slave trading business.

"This statue's hands are bloody with the murder of millions of Africans," said Betty Dopson, a member of the citizens group. "Do we really need a statue of a slave mistress?"

"American ideals are not based on statues of a monarch," said Thomas Paino, an architect and the chairman of Dopson's group. "Consider the ironies. This statue will overlook a Revolutionary War battleground."

You know where this is going. For the past ten years, the statue, in pieces, has lain in the yard of a foundry in upstate New York. It will need to find another home.

This whole episode is over and done, however, as far as Ms. Flack is concerned. At the present time, she's just finishing up two projects, one for a public square in Florida, another for a public square in Nashville, Tennessee. Meanwhile, one of the sculptures that she created many years ago, an eight-foot tall head of the goddess Daphne, is heading off to the Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington, North Carolina. She's holding a Christmas party in her studio next week and she and many of her friends will say goodbye to Daphne at that time.

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But the give and take and compromises continue.

The project scheduled for Tampa is a fourteen-foot tall statue of the classic legal goddess called "Veritas and Justicia." She stands in front of all our courthouses, a woman in white robes, blindfolded, holding a scale of justice. You know how this looks.

The courthouse in this case is the 13th Judicial Courthouse, and Audrey won her commission based on her prior work and some sketches she made. She did, after all, beautiful young women.

And so she began by making a small "maquette" version of the final statue. The

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maquette stands 26" high, is made of plaster molded from a clay model, and isn't quite what they had in mind.

"There were 48 judges I had to deal with for this courthouse," Audrey said. "They wanted some changes."

The "maquette" she made showed a stunning Native American woman with a headband and feather in the back, wearing a loin cloth, a locket necklace over a tight fitting tank top and holding her arms out — one higher and one lower — to indicate that she herself was the scale of justice. She would, in her final incarnation, stand fourteen feet high and be made of bronze. But first the judges had to approve.

She showed the maquette, and it came back with the note that they liked the t-shirt but didn't know about the loincloth. Could she drape her legs a bit more? Audrey covered her upper legs with the folds of a white roman robe. That was okay.

With the next maquette, they didn't like the headband, and the braids that were coming down her shoulders. Or the feather. Kill the feather. They suggested a crown instead of the headband, the crown to be adorned with 13 stars to match the Thirteenth District. And perhaps the braids could be curls. They wanted to know what was in the locket and Audrey told them the head of Medusa. That was okay, as long as it stayed in the locket.

Audrey made the changes, and they said, well, they didn't exactly say it, but could she make the features of the young lady a little less ethnic?

"I told them she was an American Indian. I thought it would be nice if people entered a courthouse under a statue of one of the original settlers of this country."

Then how about the blindfold? they asked. "Veritas et Justicia" always has a blindfold. They compromised with the blindfold. She's still a Native American, but you have to look closer to see that. Could be almost any lady actually. "Veritas et Justicia" is currently at the foundry and will be installed in November of 2006.

There was less trouble with the project for Tennessee and no trouble at all, of course, for the purchase of Daphne, which goes out to its museum in Wilmington as is. "Daphne in mythology was a nymph who loved to run and wander in the woods. She was a free spirit and loved nature. Apollo saw her and ran after her. He was always falling for women and then having to run and get them — in fact most of the gods had trouble with their goddesses — and he ran after her and was just about to rape her when she raised her hands and they turned into branches. Her mother was the goddess of the earth. Her father was the god of water. Then she turned into a laurel tree after that."

Twigs and branches hang down from Daphne's hair. "I collected them all on the beach in East Hampton," Flack said.

The project for Nashville is in the maquette stage at this point. She was commissioned to create a statue of "The Recording Angel" to stand in front of the new Symphony Hall in Nashville, directly across from the Country Music Hall of Fame. Their idea of a recording angel was sort of secular — a recording angel is who finances a recording studio project. But Flack's idea was something else. And she has merged the two.

"In the bible, Gabriel escorts you to the pearly gates," she told me, "but then there is this Recording Angel who inscribes you in the book there."

Flack's recording angel will stand fourteen feet high, a gilded bronze consisting of a robed female figure with wings holding a pen in one hand and a scroll in the other. Atop her head will be a crown of a scroll of sheet music. It will be installed in September 2006. She will stand on a granite base.

It's a lot going on for one sculptor. But it's all to the good.

I told her of the time that Bill King of Springs carved some angels out of wood. They were little chubby naked boys with wings, very determined looking, flying along in classic superman poses from invisible wires.

A man from Dallas ordered one when it was up on display and for sale at the Benson Gallery in Bridgehampton. He paid by check, then a week later sent a letter as to where it should be shipped.

"Just have the artist clip off the penis before you ship it," he said.

Never happened. Some things you just don't compromise on. Emmanual Benson returned the check.

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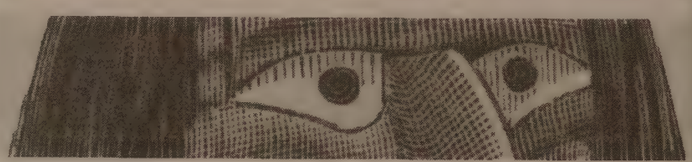

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A Life

Lost With the Keys to My Land Rover Somewhere Out Here

By Dan Rattiner

If you find the keys to a Land Rover, please let me know. Here's why.

As I am sure you know, I write a lot of articles for this newspaper. Last week I wrote four. This week I wrote five. I've been doing this for many years — generally writing one article a day or one article every other day — and I've been saving them on my computer.

Actually, I've been saving them on my computers, plural. Sometimes a computer breaks and I have to get another one. Sometimes, the industry comes out with something new and I like that better so I sell or give away my old one and get the new one.

Because I like to think that life has meaning, and I want to leave a record somehow that I passed this way, I have saved everything I have written. I have a whole basement full of back issues of this newspaper in binders — one per week — going back for the entire 45 years I have been writing. There is a similar set of binders at the newspaper office we use for reference when people stop in to find a back issue. The binders have everything everybody else has written too, of course. These binders fill a room. People go into the room, find the year they are interested in, pull it out and read it. And if they find the article they are looking for, we carry the heavy binder over to a copy machine, turn it upside down on the glass to the appropriate page and press COPY.

I also save the computer files, and they are organized in a similar fashion, tucked away in computer folders marked with the year. When I get a new computer, I copy all these folders from one to the other and keep things up to date in that fashion. The total number of stories I have stored on my current computer is just over 3,000. This is every story I've written going back to the year 1991, when we first got involved with laptop computers.

> **The whole year of 2004 copied over in about forty seconds. Could I do 2003? I sent that over in another forty seconds.**

Yesterday, Leif Neubauer, who does the technical work for *Dan's Papers,* came by and he brought with him a little plastic keychain tag. It was about the size of the key to our office building on the Montauk Highway here in Bridgehampton.

"If you want to transfer a story from one computer to another," he said, "this is a good way to do it."

At one end of the tag, there was a hole in the plastic where you could put it on your key chain. But at the other end, there was a little metal end that might plug into something.

"You slide it in this little slot here," he said, pointing to a tiny indented rectangle on the side of my new laptop. "Every computer has a slot like this. Copy the file to the tag, then move it to another computer and copy the file from the tag to the hard drive of the second computer."

He showed me how to do this. I thought it was pretty neat.

Later that evening, before I went home, I copied the file I had written earlier in the day from my laptop to my desktop using the tag. Then I thought maybe I ought to copy all the stories I have written this past month to the desktop. There are about 20 of them. I hadn't saved them anywhere else yet.

Twenty zipped right over from the laptop to the tag. Hmmm. What if I save all the stories I've written for the year on the tag? How big is the tag anyway? I could always delete them if it were too many. But if I wanted to refer to one of the stories from earlier in the year, I could find it. The stories for 2005 went right over. All 205 of them.

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Now it occurred to me that I really didn't have to copy them from the tag to the desktop. I had only intended to save the on the desktop in case I lost them on the laptop. I could just save them on the tag.

Well, how about not only 2005, but also 2004? The whole year of 2004 copied over in about forty seconds. Could I do 2003? I sent that over in another forty seconds.

I then got what may be the single most extraordinary idea I've had in my entire lifetime. Perhaps I could put EVERYTHING I wrote, going back to when they first invented computers, onto the tag? At forty seconds a year, this wouldn't take long at all. I held my breath as I did one year after another year. At some point, I figured, the tag would make an announcement somehow that it was FULL. But it didn't. In just minutes, everything I ever wrote, all 3,141 stories going back to 1991, was on this little key tag.

Was it really there? This was amazing. I asked the laptop to look at what was on the keychain. It said there were 3,141 files with a total of 110,464,842 bytes or keystrokes on it. One hundred million keystrokes! But that was nothing. It said it had room for 300,000,000 more. I could keep writing to 2051. Wow!

I attached the tag to my key chain, right next to the key to the office, the key to my house, the key to my boat and the key to my Land Rover, and I drove home and went to bed.

In the morning, I drove to work, messed around at my desk till around 3, then drove down to the beach, up to the mall and into town before returning to work, and around 5 p.m. I wanted to go home. But I could not find my keys. I called Starbucks, Rite-Aid, Radio Shack, the Banana Republic. They were nowhere to be found. We found a spare set for the Land Rover and I drove home with that.

Anyway, if you see a set of Land Rover keys, please return them to me. You'll know they are mine because, uh, how do I explain this? •

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every day?"

"Anybody else?" the chairman asked.

"My name is Harrison and I represent PETA, which looks out for the safety and well treatment of animals. What is going on with reindeer here, making them fly and all, is, frankly, hideous. We vehemently object to this project."

More hands went up. And the chairman recognized them one by one.

"What are the rules and regulations with elves?" somebody asked. "Do we want elves running around our community? We already have enough of the bad element here. No offense to you, sir," he said to the elf in the room.

"There is no way that my organization, the Southampton Serene Oceanfront Residential Society, is going to stand still while a manufacturing operation is condoned in this district, if that is your intent, sir. We will sue."

"There should be no need for that, Mr. White," the chairman said. "And as far as that comment about the bad element, this town treats everybody the same. That's in our code of ethics. Is there anything else before we vote?" There was silence. "If that's the case, do you have anything else you would like to add, Mr., er, you never did give us your name, Mr. Elf. Do you have anything else to add?"

"That is my name," the elf said. "And no, I don't have anything else, but there IS someone on his way here to answer questions if anybody else has anything else they would like to ask."

"You mean....."

"Yes. And here he comes now," the elf said, pointing out a window. Up in the sky, clear for everyone to see, was Santa Claus, in his sleigh, pulled by eight reindeer, circling around over the town."

"Over HERE" the elf shouted out the window. And Santa waved. The elf turned. "Is there a chimney on this building?"

"Oh yes," the chairman said.

"Well, he'll be right down."

Bloodworth, on the end, stood up. "I think there are laws against coming down the Town Hall chimney," he said.

"I am calling a vote," the chairman said. He turned to look at the other eight members of the Zoning Board. "All those in favor of allowing these changes?" The chairman's hand shot up, and so did six of the remaining seven board members.

"Opposed?"

The chairman looked at Bloodworth. He kept his hands at his sides.

"Then this application is approved, seven votes to none, with one abstention. Note it down, Mr. Secretary." Bloodworth folded his arms, and glared out at the chairman.

And then the door burst open and in walked Santa Claus, with a big, sparkling white smile on his face. He was tall and heavyset, with a long white beard, shiny black boots and a thick black belt with a silver buckle.

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KING KONG MAKING A LEFT ONTO THE MONTAUK HIGHWAY

Shuttle

Best Plan We've Seen to Solve the Hamptons Traffic Problem

By David Stoll

On Monday, December 12, Five Town Rural Transit, Inc. (5TRT) unveiled its proposal for an East End shuttle system called The Shuttle™. It is a "coordinated shuttle train and bus network for the five East End towns [to] provide reliable public transportation from Speonk to Montauk on the South Fork and from Ronkonkoma to Orient Point on the North Fork." 5TRT is a not-for-profit corporation with the goal of developing improved public transportation for the five towns of the East End (East Hampton, Southampton, Shelter Island, Riverhead and Southold) and the incorporated villages within those towns.

As proposed, The Shuttle™ would work as follows:

— Frequent shuttle trains would use existing railroad tracks every day of the year, from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. and possibly later. During peak periods, trains would arrive as often as every 30 minutes. All fifteen existing East End train stations would be used, as well as five currently inactive stations and one new station.

— Shuttle buses would pick up and drop off passengers at the train stations and follow established routes to the various villages and hamlets. Bus stops will be enhanced, with parking facilities and shelters with benches.

— There would also be a central dispatching station in communication with all train engineers and bus drivers. Schedules would be designed in consultation with local communities, and would be flexible so as to change depending upon seasonal and other variable demands.

— These buses and trains would replace Long Island Rail Road trains and Suffolk County Transit System (SCTS) buses on the East End. Shuttle trains would connect with LIRR trains at Speonk (for the South Fork) and Ronkonkoma (for the North Fork). These stops have much more frequent LIRR service than do East End stations.

It is expected that people will take 13,000 trips each day, not including second homeowners, their guests, and seasonal workers.

Fred Thiele proposed legislation in Albany early in 2005 to create a Peconic Bay Regional Transportation Authority, in the place of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and SCTS, to operate an East End transit system. The legislation has not yet been acted upon. In any event, the 5TRT proposal does not depend on, or even advocate, such legislation, as the shuttle system can be developed and operated in cooperation with the MTA and SCTS. (An earlier version of the proposal did endorse Mr. Thiele's legislation, but it was determined that expressly criticizing the MTA and SCTS was unnecessary and unwise.)

It is expected that The Shuttle™ would cost less than $40 million annually to operate. Currently, more than $60 million of East End taxes are allocated to the MTA; the $40 million needed for The Shuttle™ would be redirected from those taxes and the remainder would still be allocated to the MTA. Fares would be commensurate with those charged by the SCTS, currently one dollar. It is hoped that the up-front costs of about $150 million would be paid for by the Federal Transit Administration's "New Starts Program."

For environmental and efficiency reasons, 5TRT proposes the purchase and use of self-propelled rail cars and hybrid electric/gas buses. It is hoped that as many as 15% of cur-

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rent East End drivers will use the transit system, which would reduce gridlock and car-related pollution. The proposal does not include a water-based shuttle system, which has remained a controversial topic on the East End for some time. More research will be conducted, and it is possible that water shuttles could be added in the future.

The ten-member board of 5TRT has representatives from all five East End towns and several villages. In developing the proposal, they relied significantly upon expert advice from many quarters, including a former LIRR engineer, rail transit consulting firms, rail shuttle service providers, management of Cape Cod's regional transit system, private bus operators and the USDOT/Volpe National Transportation Systems Center. The proposal seeks to remedy the major complaints about today's system, such as an infrequent train schedule, the absence of coordination between trains, inadequate bus service, and bus overcrowding.

Monday's announcement followed extensive work, including the preparation of a survey by Appel Research, which worked with five focus groups (residents who commute to work, residents who do not commute, second homeowners, large employers, and Spanish-speaking workers), and also randomly called 1,200 people. The results of the survey, which were released in July 2005, found overwhelming support of a regional transportation plan. More than half of the respondents regard today's system as the worst it can be, while over 60% of respondents regard the proposed system as the best it can be. This support crossed all demographic lines, including region, age, income and work-status.

Many respondents indicated that they would use The Shuttle™, suggesting an increase in regional public transportation by five-fold, from 4% today to 22% under the new system. Indeed, according to the 2,000 Census, over 40,000 people live and work on the East End, another 24,000+ people commute to the East End for work, and over 17,000 people commute out of the East End for work. The vast majority of these 82,000+ people now depend on cars for transportation. Currently, people are taking only 2,900 train and bus trips each day throughout the entire East End. It is expected that with The Shuttle™, people will take as many as 13,000 trips each day, not even including second homeowners, their guests, and seasonal workers.

A feasibility study will be conducted in early 2006, and the entire proposal will be put before East End voters in a referendum on Election Day in November 2006. More information is available on 5TRT's terrific and informative website, eastendshuttle.org, which was paid for through a grant by The Group for the South Fork. In addition, Hank de Cillia, the Executive Director of 5TRT, welcomes comments and questions. He can be reached at decillia@earthlink.net.

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He moved quickly into the room, tiny bells jingling as he went, and he went over to people and shook their hands.

"I'm your new neighbor, Mrs. Robbins," Mrs. Robbins said when he got to her.

"Do you have any children, and have they been good?"

"Oh, yes."

"Well, then I'm sure to have something for them next Sunday,"

"Does anybody want to ask Mr. Claus anything?" the chairman asked over the din. But nobody did. "Welcome to Southampton, Santa," the chairman said. "This meeting is adjourned." •

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Montauk Looking Up

Plans to Put an Observatory in Teddy Roosevelt Park Proceed

By David Lion Rattiner

If you have ever been out to Montauk at night you have noticed how incredibly clearly the stars can be seen. It really is quite striking, especially if you are a city dweller and are not used to seeing stars at night. The night sky in Montauk is so clear that many homeowners in Montauk have set up roof decks on their homes with their own personal telescopes. A warm summer night with a couple of friends, music, drinks and a view of the crystal clear night sky in Montauk is hard to beat.

Making the effort to check out the night sky has been a hidden treasure for those that like to visit Montauk. If you want to check it out through a telescope, you either have to buy your own telescope or know somebody that has one. Tour guides in Montauk don't tell you to check out the night sky in Montauk through a large telescope because there simply isn't a telescope there.

Suffolk County Legislator Jay Schneiderman happens to live in Montauk and, like his neighbors, knows how spectacular the stars in Montauk are. He and others also know that building an observatory in Montauk will draw more tourists to the area. He recently introduced a bill that authorized a licensing agreement between the county and a new non-profit group called Montauk Observatory Inc. The idea is that these two entities will set up and run the observatory in Montauk. Where exactly they are going to build the observatory is still up in the air, but the group is looking into the Theodore Roosevelt County Park as the most likely location for the observatory.

Creating an observatory in Montauk is no easy task, but it is looking more and more like it is going to happen perhaps by next summer.

As with anything these days, coming up with the money to create and run the observatory is the hardest part. During its first rounds of legislation, Schneiderman tried to get tax dollar money to pay for the observatory. Last July, he

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SAG HARBOR IMPROVES PARKING ENFORCEMENT

By David Lion Rattiner

The cops in the Hamptons in the summertime dish out lots of parking tickets. The reason is we have a lot of bad drivers out here because most of the tourists are from New York City and do not drive that often during the year. When you get a ticket, you have to show up in court and pay the fine or pay the fine through the mail. Usually the court is in the town that you received the ticket in. However, one quaint little village known as Sag Harbor doesn't have a courtroom. And so, Sag Harbor and its government officials have learned to rely on the courts of other towns, specifically the town of Southampton and the town of East Hampton, to take care of the missing court problem. Which court you have to travel to in order to pay your ticket depends on where in Sag Harbor you received the ticket. For example, if you received your ticket along the road by Long Beach, you are most likely to be going to Southampton to pay your ticket because Long Beach is in Southampton's jurisdiction, not East Hampton's.

This system, however, is filled with a wide array of problems. And so Sag Harbor, rethinking how it runs or fails to run its judicial system, has decided to create a new court, right in the middle of Sag Harbor at the Municipal Building. It is expected to cost $82,000 in its first year and $60,000 in years after that. Although this is not an inconsiderable amount, it is expected to bring in an extra revenue stream for Sag Harbor, which is project-

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preview: richard adler & pajama game

By R. B. Stuart

As one of Broadway's veteran lyricists and composers, Southampton's Richard Adler is working on a third Broadway production of *The Pajama Game,* slated to preview January 2006. When it was first brought to Broadway in 1955, it won three Tony awards. Besides Adler, working on it were George Abbott and Jerome Robbins directing, Bob Fosse choreographing and Adler's partner Jerry Ross doing the lyrics and music. This past September Adler received a lifetime achievement award from his old school, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Adler splits his time between Southampton and New York City, where he was born during the roaring 1920s. He grew up watching musical theatre. "My great mentor, friend and teacher, George Abbott, literally invented musical theatre. In my estimate, the Broadway musical of today is nothing like it was 50 years ago, when there were great musicals by Irving Berlin, Rodgers and Hammerstein and Cole Porter. It is interesting how I met Porter," Adler said. "I was sitting in the barber shop one day, getting a haircut, when a call came in for me. I went to the phone and in a high-pitched tone, a gentleman said, 'Hi, this is Cole Porter.' I thought Sammy Davis Jr. was playing a joke on me so I replied, 'Ya, and I'm Irving Berlin.' But he insisted he was Porter and said that he'd seen my musical *Damn Yankees* five times and wanted me to meet him for dinner. So I did and we became close friends. Porter became obsessed with *Whatever Lola Wants* the song from the show. One day over lunch he took it apart to figure out how I wrote it," Adler reminisced.

Photo by R.B.Stuart

"The works that have influenced me the most? Irwin Shaw was a great writer and Clifford Odets, one of the founders of The Group Theatre. They helped a lot of people. But at 16 when I read *Look Homeward, Angel* by Thomas Wolfe I decided to go to Chapel Hill," Adler reflected.

"I wrote because it was in my blood...that's all I know how to do," he said. "If it wasn't for Stella Adler, to whom I am not related, by the way, I'd be selling shoes," he said. "She introduced me to theatre in the right way, introducing me to Laurence Olivier, Merle Oberon, Tyrone Power and Geraldine Fitzgerald."

Adler still feels his best work was at 6 years old when he wrote his first poem, *The Moon,* which was later put to music by Jules Heilner. He sat before me reciting it. *'The moon, the moon, the moon, the moon came up in the afternoon. Why isn't it funny, it's so nice and sunny, that the moon came up in the afternoon.'*

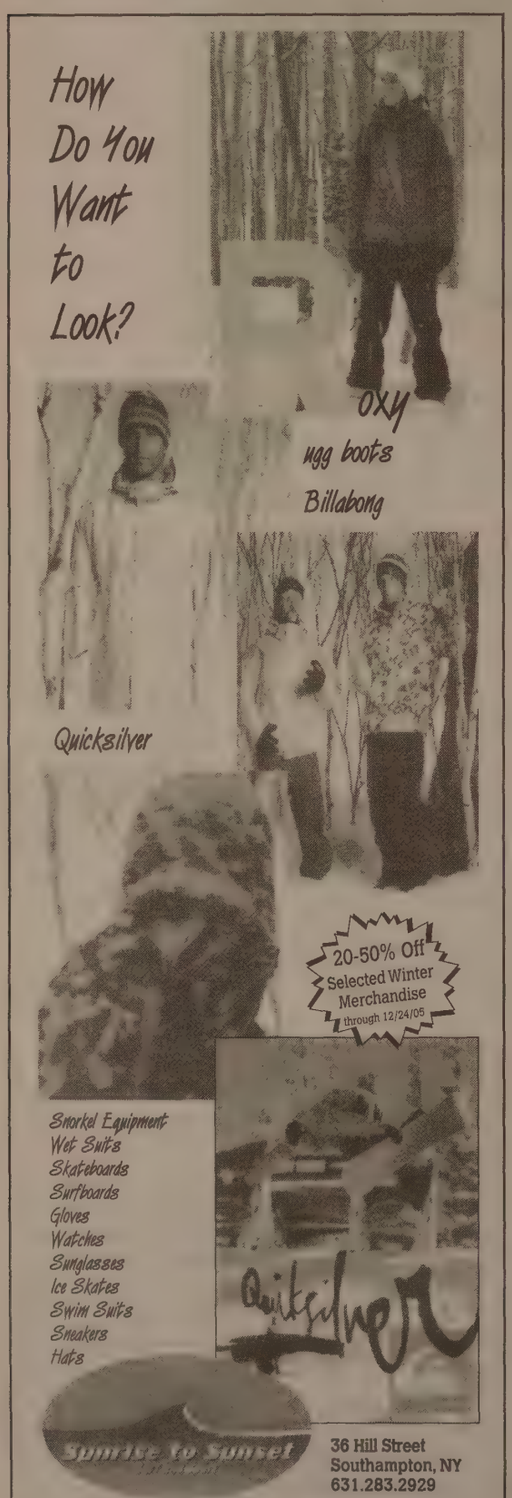
So, as a child he wrote poetry, but it wasn't until when he was 19 that his father said, "Why don't you write lyrics.....you could make more money at it?"

"I'm now going into my 85th year and I feel very fortunate. I'm excited. For me, it's fun. It's like a game you try to win, and if you don't — you don't beat yourself in the head. However, it's a lot more fun to win, in spite of the title of my new song, *If You Win You Lose.* But I do have a lot of hopes and good people to lean on," Adler concedes.

"We have just gone into rehearsal with the production starring Harry Connick Jr., Sid Sorokin and Kelly O'Hara, who in a year from now will be a big star. The book has been somewhat revised but the 1950s time period has stayed the same. Peter Ackerman will be doing some touch-ups on the script. Kathleen Marshall is director and choreographer, and in the 1973 version Jeffrey Richards who was the press agent, is now the producer. I'm adding a new song called "The Three of Us," which I originally wrote for Jimmy Durante in the late 1960s, but he died three days before the recording session," Adler explained, breaking into a Durante rendition of the 16-bar song. Synchronized like a pair of cymbals was the vibrant clapping of his hands.

Adler's not only working on *The Pajama Game*, but another film version of *Damn Yankees* starring Billy Crystal, and an album "A Mothers Kisses" produced by the multi Grammy nominee Robert Sher, with a 2006 release. The score for the album is being recorded in Brati Slava, on the Slovak Republic and the songs will be recorded by Debbie Reynolds, Tab Hunter, Jerry Stiller, Robert Morris, Florence Henderson and Rue McClanahan.

"I'm not afraid of failure like I used to be. I don't place that much importance on it any more. I don't need to worry any longer about money or acclaim. All that is important to me is good health." Adler spends 40 minutes everyday swimming laps. "And that's without stopping..... not too bad," he says with pride. "I swim, eat well, and get enough rest," Adler concluded. "All of my heros have died, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Frank Loesser, Dick Rodgers, George Abbott and of course my late partner Jerry Ross who died 50 years ago at the age of 29. He left me stranded to write alone.....and I've been writing alone ever since and loving it!" he exclaimed.



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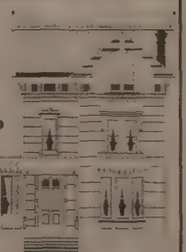

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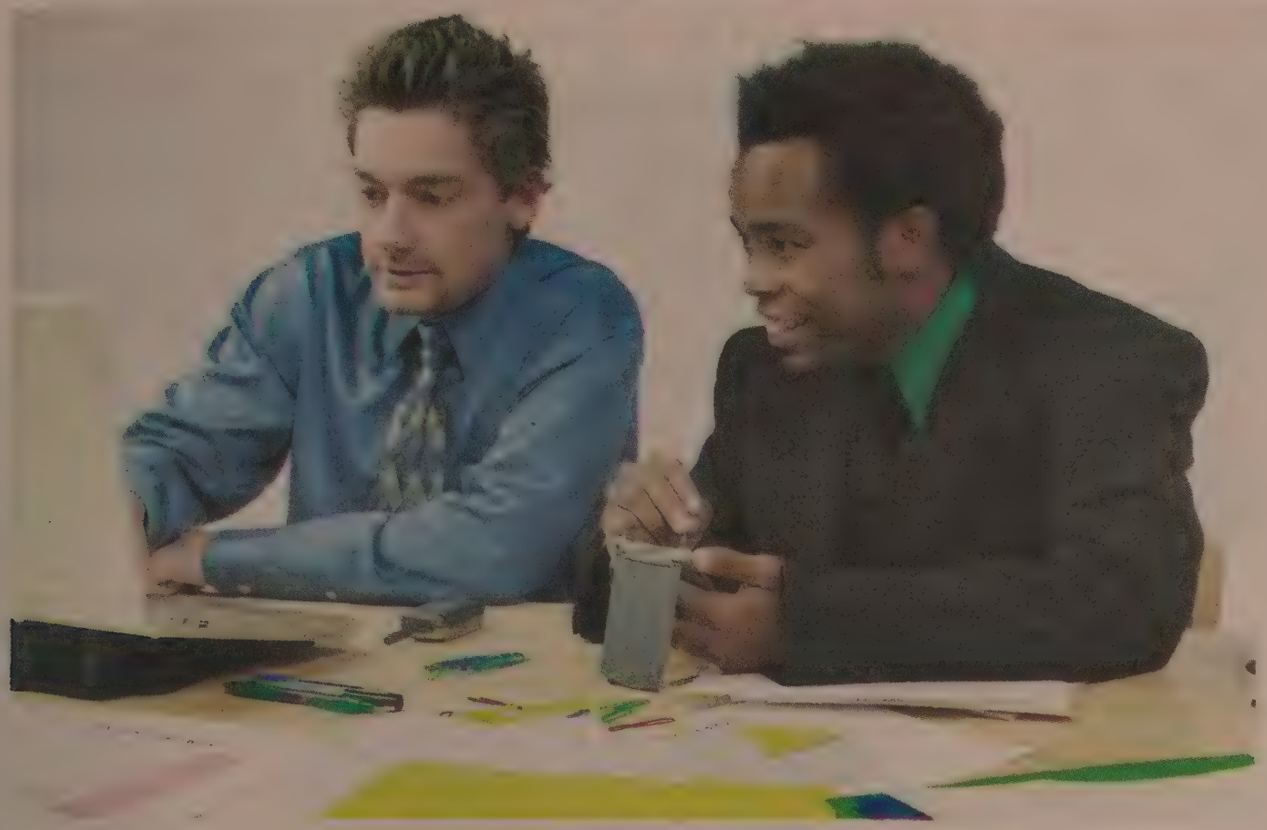

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Running With the Bulls and Bears In a Home in Southampton

By David Stoll

These have been hard times for people who trade for hedge funds, those investment vehicles offering the super wealthy the possibility of high reward but also high risk. Lately lawmakers and regulators in Washington have been taking a close look at hedge funds, which are largely unregulated. And to add insult to injury, it has always been difficult for hedge fund traders to find a place to conduct their business while summering in the Hamptons. Although the folks in Washington have not let up, at least now there is a solution to the other problem. The house at 225 Windmill Lane in Southampton will provide dedicated office space for hedge fund traders. Hallelujah!

Don't roll your eyes or laugh to yourself. While we mere mortals are able to conduct business with a broadband Internet connection from our homes or by using the t-Mobile hot spot at Starbucks in Bridgehampton, hedge fund traders need Bloomberg terminals, trading-execution software and lots of phone lines, in addition to a computer. Everyone knows that it is gauche to have such business accoutrement in one's home — yet if one does not spend enough time in the Hamptons, other hedge fund traders will talk. Talk about a Hobson's Choice!

Enter Brian Villante, the hero of our story. He has converted the 2,800-square-foot Victorian house at 225 Windmill, which he rents, into a hedge fund hotel, of sorts. He already has been using the first floor for his own brokerage firm for hedge fund traders, Grace Financial, and will continue to do so. But now renovations have transformed the second floor into individual office units, each of which is not only fully wired for phone and Internet but also contains a Bloomberg terminal and a computer with trading-execution software. A hedge fund trader visiting the Hamptons can rent one of the offices for $1000 per month. There will also be two permanent

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY EMILY DICKINSON

By Harriet Edwards

The invitations had been sent, and by 6 p.m. Saturday night about 50 party-goers, ranging in age from middle-schoolers to well beyond that, had gathered at Canio's Books in Sag Harbor to celebrate the birthday of one of America's most important poets. And there she was, Emily Dickinson herself, in the person of Janice Bishop, seated demurely behind her writing desk, dressed in her traditional white, dark hair pulled severely back from her classic face, looking for all the world like the sedate, God-fearing, obedient, New England spinster that she decidedly was not.

"Emily" began her program with some of her poems about immortality, then went on to tell us a bit about her life in Amherst, Massachusetts, where her family was prominent in politics and education, founders of Amherst College. In a very religious and church-going family, Emily went to no church, and was not shy about expressing her doubts about Heaven, Hell, and God Himself, to the family's consternation. She was devoted to her sister Lavinia, called Vinnie, she told us, and was very close to her brother Austin.

The program continued with Dickinson's poems cleverly and seamlessly interspersed with information about her life, her philosophy, and her relationships with her friends. In 1855, we were told, she fell in love with Rev. Charles Wadsworth, and while she only saw him three times in her life she remained devoted to him, and much of her poetry is possibly an expression of this love. No mention was made of an alternate theory, that her love poetry had as its object her dear friend ("darling Susie") Susan Gilbert, who later married Emily's brother Austin and lived next door for the rest of their lives. Any theory about Emily's love life is strictly conjecture, but this possibility, and the eccentricity of her white garb and her reclusive lifestyle, only adds to the fascination of literary scholars and ordinary poetry

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lovers for this giant of American letters. Literally hundreds of books have been written about her, from a children's picture book called *The Mouse of Amherst* to lengthy dissertations and erudite tomes of literary criticism, explication, and even a murder mystery or two, as well as a theater production, "The Belle of Amherst," later transferred to video.

In 1862, Dickinson sent some of her poems to Thomas Higginson, a literary critic and friend of the family, asking his advice regarding publication. But Mr. Higginson found her poems lacked form, with spasmodic rhythms and unconventional grammar and spelling, and took it upon himself to "improve" on them. This Emily would not permit, so there was no publication. However, she and Mr. Higginson carried on a correspondence that lasted over 24 years. After Dickinson's death in 1886, her sister Vinnie, first with Susan and then with Mabel Loomis Todd (Austin's mistress, awkwardly enough) and Thomas Higginson, put together the nearly 1800 poems they discovered, and with some extensive rewriting, mostly to clarify the difficult phrasing and structure, they were published. In 1955 a new edition, more closely following the original formats, was published, and remains the standard. There is also available a facsimile edition, revealing the poems as they were actually produced in Dickinson's own handwriting. It is clear from her letters and poems that although Dickinson led what seemed to be a solitary and reclusive life she had a wide circle of friends and family with whom she corresponded, and a vast knowledge of science, history, biography, and current events, which included the Civil War.

Ms. Bishop, who lives in Manorville, is a poet herself and an aspiring actress with credits at some of the more avant-garde Manhattan theaters. She said that she had developed this program out of her lifelong love for Dickinson's poetry, from the time her father gave her a book of the poems when she was nine years old. She says she is "not a scholar" but she is obviously well-versed in her subject and could answer audience questions with ease.

The party concluded with a reception featuring homemade gingerbread made from Emily's own recipe, a rather dense concoction made with flour, molasses, and no eggs, but very tasty when taken with the accompanying apple cider; an authentic New England touch for the evening.

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Who's Here

Santa Claus CEO

By Dan Rattiner

To interview Santa Claus two weeks before Christmas, I had to go to the North Pole.

"I'm really sorry I can't come to you," he said on the phone in that familiar deep, jolly voice. "But I just can't get away now."

"I understand," I said.

"Now if this had been the summertime..." he continued.

"No problem," I said.

To get to the North Pole, I took the Hampton Jitney to the Airport Connection in Queens, took a taxi to LaGuardia, flew on United Flight 831 to Anchorage, Alaska with a stopover in Vancouver, took a twin engine Cherokee to Nome, and then boarded a train called the Midnight Express where I had my own private compartment for the twelve hour trip to North Pole City.

North Pole City?

You didn't think that the elves were able to make toys for a few billion children in the world from a small village or town, did you?

Santa had told me over the telephone not to expect to see the sun at all during my stay in North Pole City.

"It's the dead of winter here," he said. "And for four months the sun doesn't even rise. You might be a little confused at first that it is so dark in our city all the time. But I'll tell you what I tell everybody who comes here this time of year. You should have been here in the summertime. Then the sun never sets. Ho, ho, ho."

The last leg of my trip to Santa's office from the Southeast Train Terminal was inside a horsedrawn carriage that rode through the darkness down the snowy main street of the city on skis. We jingled along — yes the horses wore jingle bells — and soon I was watching television at the Mariott North Pole, sitting on the bed, using the clicker. I saw "Seinfeld" reruns. It was just like home. Then I slept like a rock.

I arrived at Santa's office the next day. He has a corner office on the penthouse floor of what is known as the Tower, the tallest of the skyscrapers here in North Pole City. It rises 45 stories into the sky.

Because everything had been so official and impressive so far, I was surprised when I walked into Santa's large office to find that it was a mess. There were papers and reports piled everywhere, several broken Barbie and Ken dolls in one corner, a complete railroad train set on the floor that I had to step over, a dart board on the wall and several supersoaker guns leaning against Santa's overflowing desk. Santa himself looked up from a video game he was playing when I walked in, then he stood up and offered me his hand.

"Have a seat," he said. "Don't mind the stuff on the chair. Just put it on the floor."

I did so.

"Now ask me anything you want. I've set aside a half hour for you. Care for something to drink?"

"No thank you."

"Ask away."

"Okay. Well, first of all I had no idea the North Pole was such a big city. And it looks new."

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"Pretty new. And it wasn't always a city. It started out as just a workshop and two elves, with me and the Missus living upstairs. Then we got a post office and it became a hamlet, then a village, then a town, then this big city."

"Where is Mrs. Claus?"

"Today? Shopping."

"For toys?"

"No, for furniture. We just bought this big new house."

"And the workshop?"

"Factories. Factories and factories and factories. So many elves I can't even count them."

"How long have you been here at the North Pole?"

"A hundred and twenty two years. We came from Russia a hundred and twenty three years ago. Spent a year in New York. Then came here."

"That's a long time."

"Long enough."

"So before that you were Santa Claus in Russia?"

"No. I was St. Nicholas in Russia. And before that my father was St. Nicholas and before that his father was St. Nicholas."

"How long was that?"

"Oh, about five hundred years. Each of them five hundred years. I think dad said they started about eight hundred A.D."

"So you'll be Santa for five hundred years?"

"I guess so. Unless I fall out of the sleigh over the Indian Ocean. Or get hit by a truck or something."

"How did the name get changed from St. Nicholas to Santa Claus?"

"Well, we had to leave Russia."

"Why?"

"Persecution. And it was a hard life. We lived in a little wooden shack and we had nothing, really nothing and every six months the Cossacks would ride into town on their horses — they had shiny uniforms and helmets and flashing swords — and they would make us pay a tax to the Czar. And we had nothing. I remember we used to make these little toys for the children there and the Cossacks would come — you could hear them coming from far off with the thundering hoofbeats of their horses — and we'd hide the toys and they'd come into town and we'd offer them up something like a clod of dirt or a pretty rock or something and they'd search the house and find, like, a ping pong ball gun and then they would beat us."

"Doesn't sound good."

"Nope. Wasn't good. So one day I decided to come to America. We took a boat across the Atlantic and we arrived at Ellis Island. Mrs. Claus and I were dressed in rags and had all our possessions in a blanket tied together with Scotch tape and this customs man asked me my name and I said St. Nicholas and he said we don't let crazies into America who think they are Saints but you look like nice people so think of something else so I said Santa Claus."

"Just like that?"

"Just like that. He wrote it down."

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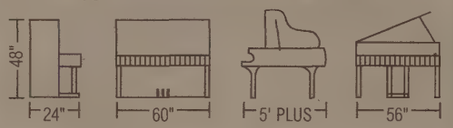

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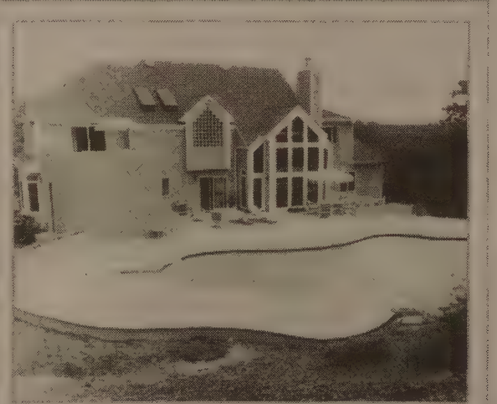
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"What does it mean?"

"How do I know? It just came out. We'd come all this way. I was desperate. It was just the first thing that came to mind. Santa Claus. He liked it."

"Worked out pretty well."

"It kinda rolls off your lips."

"So we settled in New York for a while. In a railroad flat on the Lower East Side. And I started making toys for the kids again. Busy place, the Lower East Side in 1886. Wall to wall people. Immigrants from all over. Give me your tired, your poor, your..."

"But you moved pretty quickly to the North Pole."

"Yes. I met a rich man who said he would set me up. He liked what I did, making toys for the kids. I owe everything to him. He bought a million acres up here. Paid for me and Mrs. Claus to come up. Paid for a couple of elves. And the workshop. My hat is off to him."

"Who is he?"

"I can't tell you. He prefers to remain anonymous. But you wouldn't believe it if I told you who he was."

"Why not?"

"No, I can't tell you. I promised. He just did a good thing for me. He's done good things for a lot of people. Always behind the scenes. He provided the funding for the Red Cross. And the Easter Bunny Company. And he provided the seed money for Microsoft. But I can't tell you who he is."

"Okay."

"A really nice guy though."

"Yes."

"And brilliant."

"And the North Pole has slowly built up here?"

"It's just been phenomenal. Look out the window. See for yourself. We will be bringing joy to billions of children this Christmas. That amount of happiness is unprecedented. It's way over the top."

"And you deliver it all yourself?"

"Yes."

"You must have a very fast sleigh."

"Very fast. Faster than a speeding bullet. More powerful than a locomotive. Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound."

"I think those are the slogans for somebody else."

"We just hired some new public relations people."

"And I'm told you have spent time in the Hamptons? You know this newspaper is published in the Hamptons."

"Oh, yes. I have fond memories of the Hamptons. That year we spent in New York, my wife and I went out there. But it was nothing like it is now let me tell you. Dirt roads. Cattle. Indians."

"What did you do when you were out there?"

"Oh the usual. The beach. A little tennis. Dinner at Nick and Toni's."

"What does the future hold for Santa Claus?"

"Next year, we are going to go public. It will be the biggest public offering of all time. A zillion shares. Four different brokerage houses are handling it. Buy early and often. That's my

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

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ly seeking a deal with the WGA for some time, and we're happy we could reach an agreement on mutually beneficial terms. We are looking forward to a very successful run on PBS KIDS," noted Emmy Award winner **Mitchell Kriegman**, the creator and producer of *It's a Big Big World.*

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Yesterday, **Howard Stern** broadcast his second to last show on K-Rock and was joined by longtime sidekick **Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling**, who returned to the show for a final farewell after a five year absence. Stern, meanwhile, spoke of his own possible farewell last week in an interview with **Bill O'Reilly**. Stern said that after his 5 year contract with Sirius Satellite Radio is up in 2010, he may retire. Given that Sirius is paying Stern $500 million, it should be a very comfortable retirement.

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Carol Baldwin, along with her sons **Alec Baldwin** and **Billy Baldwin**, were joined by thousands of others for the first annual Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund's Weekend for a Cure, which was held in early October. Hundreds of guests attended the Black Tie/Black Leather Celebrity Gala, and hundreds more participated in outdoor festivities the following day. This year's honorees were **Vincent Irizarry** of "All My Children", **Dr. Patrick Borgen** of Memorial Sloan-Kettering, **Maria Grasso** of The Bank of New York and **Dr. Ira Koeppel,** DDS.

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Local artist **Barbara Ernst Prey** will be lecturing at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. on December 18th. She will be speaking about "The Watercolors of Winslow Homer" as part of the Winslow Homer exhibit. In other news from our capital, Ms. Prey was invited by the White House to paint the official White House Christmas card.

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East End artists, writers, gallery owners and designers turned out in full force for the first ever benefit for Health People founded by Sag Harbor's Chris Norwood. The committee led by **April Gornik & Eric Fischl, E. L. Doctorow & Helen Henslee, Nora Ephron & Nick Pileggi, Barry Sonnenfeld & Susan Ringo, Mary Jane Marcasiano & Ralph Gibson, Nicole Miller & Kim Taipale** and **Cindy Sherman** packed the American Hotel so graciously provided by **Ted Conklin**. There was delightful holiday music provided by filmographer and concert pianist Andrew Wargo; a silent auction of signed books and luxury items donated by the hosts and even an appearance by **Santa Claus – Phillip Prianti** proprietor of Sag Harbor's holiday store Harborlights.

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ed to net $130,000 a year in additional profits for the village.

The real question here, however, is why is a court in Sag Harbor going to bring in more money than the Southampton and East Hampton courts? Well, the answer has to do with enforcement and convenience. Due to the fact that the two other courts are so far away for residents of Sag Harbor to travel to in order to pay the tickets, some people just don't go to court to pay up. This same issue is also a problem for the police officers in Sag Harbor, who have to take more time out of their schedules to travel out to the different courts.

The other problem is, according to an article in a Southampton newspaper, which quoted Sag Harbor Deputy Mayor Gregory Ferraris, is that the other courts are not enforcing the tickets issued in Sag Harbor, resulting in lost tickets, late fees, delays and the disposing of cases. The problem has become so significant that it means that the funds that Sag Harbor is supposed to be receiving from tickets don't happen. In other words, people aren't paying their tickets, and are getting away with it. The fact that the courts in Southampton are slated to move to Hampton Bays is only going to complicate things for Sag Harbor.

So does this mean that the parking ticket that I got in Sag Harbor over the summer would have been forgiven and forgotten if I didn't pay the ticket and didn't show up in court? The answer to this is maybe. If you want to take the gamble of not paying your parking ticket that you received in Sag Harbor there is a reasonable chance that you won't ever be forced to have to pay the ticket because of the logistics of the court system. While researching this story I spoke to a friend of mine, who will remain nameless, who told me that he once got a ticket in Sag Harbor and forgot to pay the ticket. When I asked him whether it ever caught up to him he told me that nothing ever happened after that. Be wary, however. By not paying the ticket you are also taking the chance that somebody, somewhere in accounting will catch up with it and you will be charged a late fee for not paying the ticket on time.

The court in Sag Harbor is expected to be open for business by July. After July, if you park for over an hour where there are signs that say "one hour parking" you'll get a parking ticket and you'll pay up.

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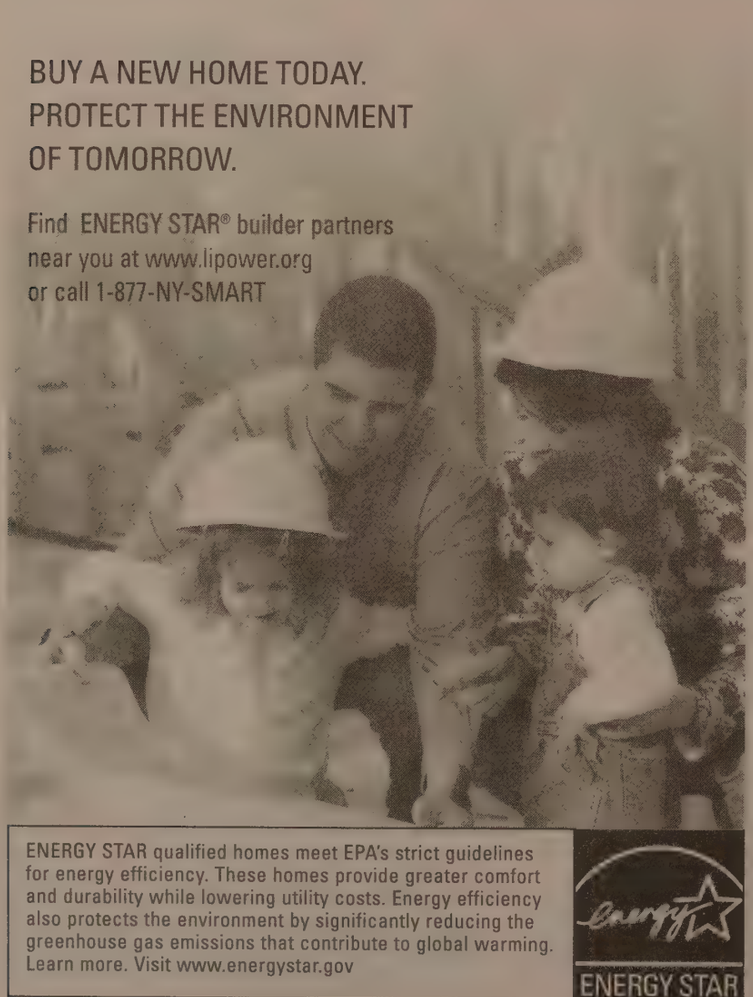
tenants on the second floor.

Naysayers are concerned that quaint Hamptons villages might be transformed into suburban-like office complexes and strip malls. After all, once a handful of hedge fund traders have access to the Windmill Lane space, won't all hedge fund traders demand similar accommodations, not just in Southampton but throughout the East End? And what about regular stock, bond and mutual fund traders, and even day traders? Sure, they don't make as much money, but that is hardly reason for them to be treated as second class Hamptons citizens. Before you can scream "Sell! Sell! Sell!" will every trader who visits the Hamptons have an office? And are there enough Victorian buildings available?

The truth is that the zoning laws on the East End are designed not to allow the Hamptons to turn into some sort of suburban nightmare (and anyway, all those traders wouldn't want to come here anymore if it did). The Hedge Fund hotel is a case in point. Mr. Villante reportedly wants to tear down the grand old house and build a 6,000-square-foot office building, but it seems inconceivable that the Village of Southampton would allow Windmill Lane to be so dramatically transformed—even with Mr. Villante's promise to put up a façade in front of the giant office that would look like the half-as-large house. (Does that even make sense?)

So, this story, like so many Hamptons stories, concludes thusly. And they all lived happily ever after.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TWENTYSOMETHING... By David Lion Rattiner

Online Dating

Something that I find very interesting in today's day and age is online dating. Some are making a hobby out of online dating, going from date to date to date. Online dating is now a big business. Millions of people worldwide are using this as a tool for hooking up.

There seems to be three types of people when it comes to online dating. There are the people that are totally comfortable with the idea. You've met somebody at some point in your life that is like this. They casually bring it up like it is no big deal, as if it is something that everybody does. Then there are the people that use an online dating service, but are totally ashamed that they use it and try not to let anybody know that they are using it. You can even find these people online by going to the website. They are the ones who don't post pictures on the site because they don't want anyone to know that they are on there. I don't really get how they can expect to get any dates if nobody can see what they look like, but whatever.

Finally, you have the people that are totally turned off by the idea of online dating and they publicly tell you that they think it is gross. "You could get an e-mail from some crazy person. How can you trust it?" they say. Usually these people are the same people that are already in a relationship and are not desperate. Either that or they are ashamed to admit that they are desperate for a date. Interestingly, these people that are supposedly afraid of online weirdos are the ones that fend off weirdos on a daily basis that hoot and holler at them while walking down the street.

I really don't know how I feel about dating online. I am kind of on the fence about it. For one thing, I have been checking out some of the people that are online and what they are looking for in a person. These women are asking for a lot! Under the section of the site where it says what the girl is looking for it usually says something to the extent of, "Looking for a tall, good looking guy who is romantic but also likes to laugh. Must be financially secure and know how to show a girl a good time. Must be fit, remember birthdays, enjoy going for walks, snuggling, going out to eat, shopping, having long conversations and reading. If you are one of those lazy football watching, forgetful, pizza eating, video game playing, typical guys, please do not send me an e-mail."

Well, I'm out of luck.

They are very strict screeners, these online women. I've looked at a lot of their pictures too. Where do they get the ego to ask for such specific things like, "being romantic?" They actually have computer programs where you answer hundreds of questions and then get matched up using computer algorithms and psychoanalysis on who would make a good match for you. Can you imagine if girls screened you in real life this way? It would be a nightmare! Imagine being at a bar, getting the nerve to approach a girl and then suddenly a little psychiatrist type of guy with a clipboard stops you and makes you fill out a questionnaire before you can say anything. I'd punch that dude in the face. But on the Internet, you sit there and are seriously intrigued by the question, "Do you like to read outside or inside?" You'll sit there for twenty minutes and think to yourself, all right, what would a really hot chick want answered to this question?

The thing that I don't like about online dating is that it portrays this illusion of making going out on dates easier. Online dating does not make things easier. If anything it makes things harder. I have a couple of friends that I know that use an online dating service and one of them, who shall remain nameless, had this to say about it, "You go into the date on a bad note right off the bat. For one thing, the pictures of the people that you see in comparison to how they really look are always warped. So the second that you meet the person in real life you immediately become disappointed. The other problem is they are thinking the exact same thing about you."

It does seem to work for a lot of people, however, so you can't really go around saying that it is all bad. But if you are an online dater, lay off those lame pick up lines like, "What kind of web browser are you using?" Trust me, they don't work.

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

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Frances Hayward of Grey Gardens in East Hampton received Hollywood Life's Breakthrough of the Year Award for her humanitarian efforts on behalf of animals. **Alicia Silverstone** presented her and the German shepherd, Amigo, that she rescued, with the award at the Henry Fonda Theater in Los Angeles on December 4th. Leading the applause were Desperate Housewives' **Felicity Huffman, Harrison Ford, Famke Janssen, Jeremy Piven** and **Dakota Fanning.** Hayward launched the BeKind campaign, in partnership with the Humane Society of the United States to promote animal welfare, especially focusing on homeless and displaced animals everywhere.

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Southampton Hospital has announced that its Westhampton Primary Care Center has a plentiful supply of flu shots. Anyone who would like to receive a flu shot should make an appointment with WPCC by calling (631) 288-7746.

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advice to everybody. You won't be disappointed."

"And this is the first time you are announcing this?"

"Yes. Breaking news. I want you to have it."

"Thanks," I said.

At that moment, a pretty young secretary elf poked her head in the door.

"Your eleven o'clock is here, Mr. Claus," she said.

"Thank you," Santa said. He turned to me, shrugged and smiled. "Lawyers. Well, I hope you've got enough for a story," he said.

"When is this going public going to happen?" I asked.

"Right after New Year's," he said. "There are a lot of pieces to it. At least that is what they tell me. You have any kids?"

"Yes," I said.

He reached under his desk, pulled out something and stood up. Then he handed what he had pulled out to me. There were four tiny gift wrapped boxes.

"For your kids," he said. "These toys are going to be the latest rage, the hit of the season this year. People will be desperate to get them. And the stores will get some in and then they will sell out within an hour. There will be long lines. People making outlandish offers for them. And I want you and your kids to have them."

"What are they?"

There was a twinkle in his eye. "Don't open them until Christmas," he said.

And then he threw a big mittened arm around me and he led me out the door.

"Ho, ho, ho" were the last words I heard him say. He was on the telephone.

The Sheltered Islander By Sally Flynn

Sheltered Islander #379
Is It Too Much To Ask?

I'm one of those people who never sleeps through the night. At around 3:30 a.m., without fail, I get up and prowl. I check E-mail, read, and of course, watch TV. I have all the infomercials memorized. I love gizmos, but it's time they invented some things that I really want. So here is my Christmas wish list.

I want someone to invent flat LCD panels that attach to cabinet surfaces and give me a readout of all the foodstuffs in the cabinet. If there's a hidden can of water chestnuts, I want to know about it before I get a new one. I want it equipped with a cereal and snack level monitor so I know how full all the boxes are.

I want a milk and egg alarm in the fridge. I want a blinking warning light to go on when there's only a quart of milk or six eggs left in the fridge.

I want an electric shock to fry the hand of anyone who puts an empty or nearly empty carton back in the fridge.

I want a vacuum, any vacuum, that works as good as its commercials say it does.

I want that vacuum to have these settings: Regular Dirt, Damp Dirt, Sand, Pet Hair, Christmas Pine Needles, and a special sonar beam that spreads out ahead of the vacuum and beeps an Earring Found! alarm.

I want expandable shoes for children. If my luggage has a zipper that expands the volume two inches, I want a tab I can peel away, like a plastic milk tab, that extends shoes one inch in length. That gives a parent a two paycheck lead on getting new shoes for the kid.

I want America to manufacture again. I am tired of supporting the Chinese economy. I don't want Wall (of China) Mart to be the only place with bargain prices. I will pay a little more to know I am supporting another American worker.

I want a fragrance that will last the whole workday.

I want someone to invent an electric blanket that has pet zones on it that can be individually heated. For those of us who sleep with pets, usually not by choice, think how great it would be to hit the "Pet Zone" button on the blanket control and then the cat or dog would sleep on the warm spot and not against your legs so you can't turn over!

I want flashing runway lights for men using the bathroom in the dark...if you live with a man, I don't need to explain further.

I want soft bottom tubs. If they can give a pool a soft bottom why not a tub?

I want people who make glasses to invent a 'soft focus' coating for men's glasses to prevent them from seeing our wrinkles clearly.

I want rolling luggage carts with seats at the airport so we can all sit and be comfortable while we wait for hours in an attempt to keep our airports secure in spite of our borders being wide open. It's like locking the car on the ferry, absolutely pointless.

I want someone to invent a cat food that cannot be vomited up by any cat unless they are outside.

I want a Deer Locator display on my dashboard. No deer dies of natural causes on Shelter Island. It's death by bow, bullet, or Buick.

I want mini vans to have a fold out changing table and drying station in the back to always have a clean place to change the baby and a way to dry off kids at that beach.

I want the grocery stores to have a separate lane for impatient people. A lane that will surreptitiously mist valium vapors at them while they wait so they don't get irritable. We'll call it the Regis Philbin lane. I adore his show. He puts the crank in cranky.

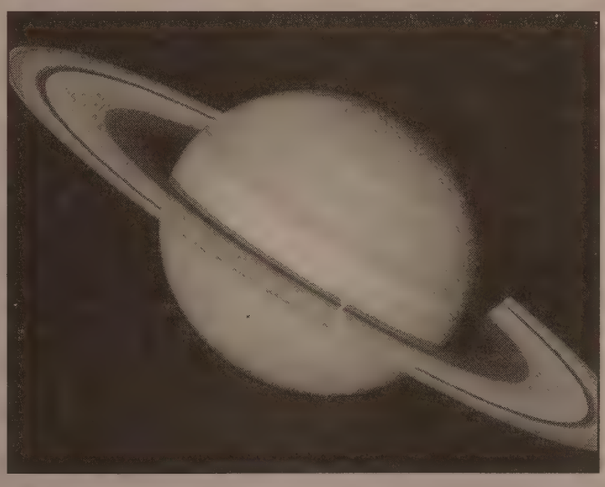
I want 'reality shows' to go away. I have enough reality. It's all around me when I wake up and follows me around the whole day. Reality I've had, it's mindless fun fantasy I need. Bring back "Designing Women" and "Remington Steele."

It seems like the only time we're allowed to enjoy fun fantasy shows is during the holiday season. Not fair I say! Bring on all the holiday specials and keep that light and happy spirit going! What? Is it too much to ask?

Montauk (continued from page 29)

came up with a measure that would have put the cost of building the observatory, about $500,000, onto the county. It was passed, but was quickly struck down by County Executive Steve Levy who vetoed the bill. The cost of building the observatory was too much for the county to take on and it didn't seem fair that Montauk would reap all the benefits of it.

Sometimes when you get knocked down, however, you spring back even stronger than before. After the news that the money would not be coming from the county, an effort to raise the money quickly began. Schneiderman and others began finding people who would be willing to give money out of their own pockets in order to build the observatory. In a short amount of time, people interested in contributing to the project started springing up all over and a board of advisors for the observatory was established. People like Dava Sobel, the best-selling author who recently has had a new book published about the planets in the solar system, is a member of the board. "I think the observatory in Montauk is going to be great and I am very excited about it," she said.



Richard Kessel of the Long Island Power Authority and State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. are other members. It was reported that Fred W. Thiele was willing to do all of the legal work for setting up the non-profit group the Montauk Observatory Inc. at no cost. This new group of people are going to make the observatory happen themselves, without the help of taxpayer money. County Executive Steve Levy couldn't be happier about it saying that it was saving taxpayer dollars while at the same time getting the project done for the community.

There are many pluses to having the observatory owned privately. The main one is that the county won't own it and therefore won't have to close it if taxpayers fail to put enough money towards it. There is also the benefit of having a dedicated group working towards its success.

The group has been eyeing a telescope in Arizona that has been decommissioned, but is still in good condition and was used at the Biosphere II project in Arizona. They are still waiting for the completion of their fundraising period to make the purchase. They are looking to raise approximately $500,000 and have already raised close to $100,000. If you'd like to make a donation, please call 631-329-0456 or go to montaukobservatory.com.

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JAMIE DEROY CELEBRATES HER 30TH "AGAIN"

Jamie deRoy celebrated the 30th Anniversary of her 30th Birthday with a festive party at The Copacabana for 300 hundred of her closest friends. Under the direction of Barry Kleinbort an eclectic line-of up stars such as two time Tony Nominee and Emmy Award Winner Penny Fuller, Randy Jones (YMCA), The Accidentals, Shelly Markham, Meral Guneyman, Sherry Davey, and Jay Leonhart. The Birthday Gal had us laughing with a performance of her theme song "Jews Don't Camp" accompanied by Modern Man. Happy Birthday Jamie and many more!

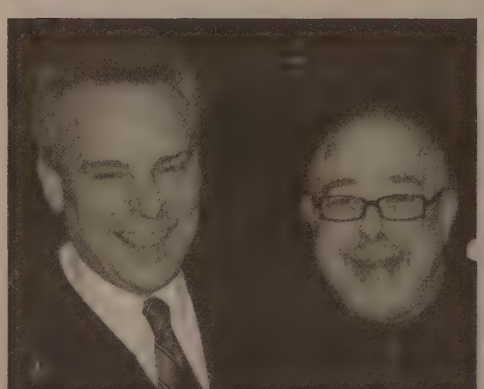
1. Jamie deRoy, Mary Ellen Mark (Photojournalist) 2. Joy Behar, Steve Janovitz 3. Joel Vig (Hairspray), Marilyn Sokol 4. Philip Smith (President of The Shubert Organization), Tricia Walsh Smith 5. Irving B. Gruber, Jamie deRoy, Aaronel deRoy Gruber (Artist) 6. Donald Billings, Randie Levine-Miller, Ted Miller 7. Rose Billings, KT Sullivan 9. Sal Viviano, Ellis Nassour

LIGHTHOUSE BENEFIT

A Toast of "My Favorite Things," a centennial auction food & wine tasting benefit was held at Lighthouse International at 111 East 59th Street in NYC. Since 1905, Lighthouse International has been the leader worldwide in helping people who are blind or partially sighted overcome the challenges of vision loss.

1. Roger Goldman, William B. Follett (Chairman), Dr. Tara A. Cortes (President & Chief Executive Officer) Judy Van Nostrand (Vice Chair, Woman's Committee) 2. Bruce Arbit (Senior Vice President for Development), Marcos Pichardo, Barbara Saltzman (LH Board Member) 3. Robin Phillips, Wendy Maurice (Director of Media, Lighthouse International) 4. Dr. Bill Rosenthal (Chief of Low Vision Programs) Susan Rosenthal

"A TOUCH OF THE POET" OPENS



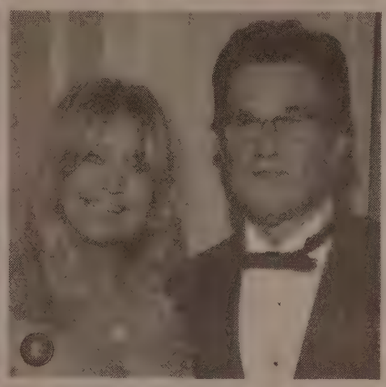
The Roundabout Theatre Company presented a revival of the rarely seen Eugene O'Neill classic "A Touch Of The Poet" at Studio 54 in New York. Last year's Tony Award winning director Doug Hughes put the actors, led by Gabriel Byrne, best known for his film appearance, through their paces. The opening night party was held at the Millennium Hotel in NYC.

1. Doug Hughes (Director), Jack Doulin (Artistic Associate/Casting, New York Theatre Workshop) 2. Tricia Walsh Smith (Playwright), Cherry Jones (Doubt) 3. Gabriel Byrne (Plays Cornelius Melody) 4. Dr. Gwen S. Korovin, Jack Uram (Counselor at Law)

RON HOWARD TRIBUTE

Photos: Jimmy Celeste, © Patrick McMullan

The stars were really shining inside the Waldorf with the Tribute to Director Ron Howard, the premiere of The Producers and a private screening for an Ang Lee film. This was an "A" listers' gala all the way, Ron Howard, Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger, Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Paul Giamatti, Michael Keaton, Edie Falco, about a $100 million dollar plus stars' budget if they were all in a film. Being filmed for Bravo, via teleprompter, Jim Carrey gave Ron Howard a eulogy while others did a light-hearted roast, and Tom Hanks sent his Ron imitation by video tape. It was great fun



1. Renee Zellweger, Ron Howard 2. Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell 3. Michael Keaton 4. The "Howard" Girls

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MERCEDES-BENZ GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Photos: Kathy Rae Text: Maria Tennariello

On December 2, Stuart Hayim, owner of Mercedes-Benz of Massapequa, celebrated the Grand Opening of his state-of-the-art $20 million luxury automobile salon that features a gym, Internet café, health bar, and an extraordinary Cartier boutique. It was an evening of celebration, fabulous food, cocktails and a special performance by musical virtuoso Lorenzo Larok.

1. Stacey K, Susan Etra, Candy Udell, Camille Hull, Debbie Spevak, Lois Smollen 2. Lorenzo Lorok 3. Allan Hyman, Stuart Hayim, Mark Udell 4. Carl Schroeter, Bob Carpentier 5. Mark Greenbaum, Sahodra Jagnanan, Sarvin Tarifi, Valerie Santana, Manuela Barrera 6. Max Power Hayim 7. Sande Finkel, Officer MB, Maureen Aronson

ROSE JEWELER'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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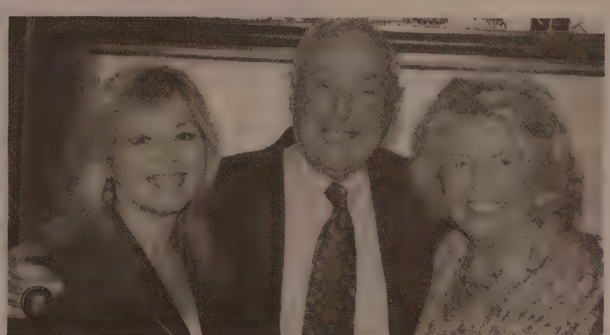

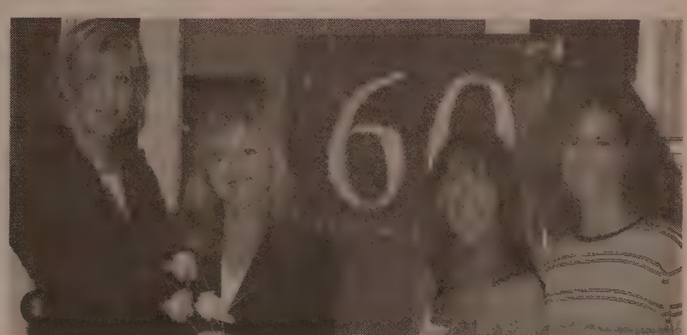

All that glitters is gold, silver, diamonds, rubies and sapphires at the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Rose Jewelers on Saturday, December 3rd in Southampton. Guests enjoyed wine, hor's d'oeuvres and special savings for the holidays along with a raffle for a diamond bracelet.

1. Angela Stern 2. Jan, Robart and June Rose 3. Janime Friedman, Jan Rose, Marjorie Myles, Didi Frizell

North Fork Events

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

INTUITIVE CONSULTANT TO THE STARS – Every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Donna McCue will provide 15-minute sessions and sign her book for $30 per person at Vineyard 48 in Cutchogue. Call 734-5200.

SHOPPING AND CAROLING– Enjoy late night shopping and Christmas Carolers with Church Carillon. Sponsored by the Love Lane Association on Love Lane in Mattituck. Call 631-298-5757 for details.

WINTER HARBOR SCENES– Fantastic art exhibit running through December 15th at the Fifth Season Restaurant on 45 Front Street in Greenport. Enjoy the work of Amy Martin from Winter Harbor Studio. Not to be missed. Call 631-477-8500.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE– Annual Holiday Marketplace and Small Works show at the East End Arts Council in Riverhead. Shop through December 23. Call 631-727-0900.

DOLORES CASTRUCCI– Running until December 31st, enjoy the artists work at the Southold Town Hall Annex. Call 765-6656.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

JAZZ MUSIC– Donna Byrne will be performing live at Peconic landing on December 17 at 4 p.m. She will be playing her holiday favorites. Call 631-477-3800.

DAVA SOBEL– Award winning author will speak about her new book entitled "The Planets" at the Custer Institute and Observatory in Southold, of which she is a member.. Call 631-765-2626.

HOLIDAY SHOW– At the Vail Leavitt music hall in Riverhead enjoy a holiday play written and produced by Steve Montague. Enjoy refreshments, music and take a chance at winning great raffle prizes. 1 p.m. performance; Tickets $7. Children five and under are free. Call 631-727-0900 for more information.

SANTA AT ATLANTIS– Enjoy breakfast with Santa from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Atlantis Marine World in Riverhead. They will serve a festive buffet while guests await the arrival of Santa. Guests are asked to bring a non perishable food item or an unwrapped Christmas gift to donate to charity. Call Call 631.208.9200, ext. 116 for more information.

CUSTER INSTITUTE– Every Saturday night, weather permitting, the Custer Institute and Observatory is open for visitors to observe the night sky with their high range telescopes. Runs from 6 p.m. until midnight. Institute is located in Southold. Suggested donation of $2. Call 631-696-3333.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

FLOWER ALLEY– Local artists Sandi Woessner, Dublin Durller, Mark Kopko, Hazel Kahan, Chris Stavropolis and more! Fine jewelry, hand woven scarves, ornaments, greeting cards and handcrafted items. Gallery show will run through January 8. Call 631-208-8166 for more information.

ONGOING FILM SERIES– at the Congregation Tifereth Israel of Greenport enjoy a film at 2 p.m. called the "Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob" for free. Enjoy refreshments as well. Please call 631-734-6952.

CHRISTMASTIDE– Chamber music by Baroque at the First Universalist Church in Southold. Refreshments will be served. Music by William Packard, flute; Daniel Skabeilkis, violin; Jeannie Woelker, cello and Virginia Jones, harpsichord and piano. Tickets are $10. Students are free. Call 631-765-3494 for more info.

HANUKKAH BAZAAR– At the Temple Israel of Riverhead, browse and buy Hanukkah gifts, menorahs, candles, dreidels and toys. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 631-727-3191.

HOLIDAY SHOW– At the Vail Leavitt music hall in Riverhead enjoy a holiday play written and produced by Steve Montague. Enjoy refreshments, music and take a chance at winning great raffle prizes. 1 p.m. performance; Tickets $7. Children five and under are free. Call 631-727-0900 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/21– THE CASE OF THE CHRISTMAS KEY– A family musical presented by Poquatuck Hall in Orient. Tickets are $10. Reserve by emailing christmaskey@hotmail.com or buy at the door.

12/22– SHOPPING AND CAROLING– Enjoy late night shopping and Christmas Carolers with Church Carillon. Sponsored by the Love Lane Association on Love Lane in Mattituck. Call 631-298-5757 for details.

12/31– NEW LIGHT FESTIVAL– In Greenport enjoy the festival starting at 5:30 p.m. and running until midnight.

1/5, 1/6, 1/7– ARTISTS WANTED– Artist drop off your work at the East End Arts Council Gallery in Riverhead between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for your work to be submitted into the non-juried members' show. Call 631-727-0900 for more information.

ONGOING EVENTS

INDIAN MUSEUM– In Southold, open Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 631-765-5577.

CAROUSEL– The Greenport Village carousel in Mitchell Park is open Fridays, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Sundays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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Santa Cruises Into Riverhead On A Boat

Amongst Cheering Visitors, Residents And A Bonfire, Santa Claus Came To Town

By Annemarie Davin

It was quite an exciting scene that almost all of Riverhead went to check out. Santa Claus, that's right, the big guy, came into town on a large yacht and decided that he would pay a visit to the little ones (and big ones for that matter) in Riverhead.

The sixth annual "Santa's Coming To Town," bonfire on the Peconic Riverfront, took place this past Saturday. It started at 4 p.m. and the cold air was not stopping what felt like the entire town showing up to the pier to have a look, say hello and maybe give a few present requests or two. Everyone was smiling as Santa started to pull in by boat that was laced in Christmas lights. When he arrived, the crowd began to cheer and parents hoisted their kids on their shoulders so that they could get a better look.

Photo by Annemarie Davin

Jen Valentine, Ben Majeski-Valentine (shoulder), Captain Dan Egert, Doug Marks, Emma Majeski-Valentine (shoulder)

The event was hosted by the Town of Riverhead and Councilman Ed Densieski. Santa arrived by a boat that left from the Riverside Marina and headed down the Peconic River and docked on the Riverfront behind the East End Arts Council area. Dwayne Lewin, the Dockmaster of the Riverside Marina, helped in arranging this event by picking the boat that Santa would arrive on. The boat that was chosen was the "One Up" driven by Captain Dan Egert of Riverhead. The "One Up" is a 1970 Egg Harbor Sedan Cruiser and was chosen for two reasons. One is because the Captain, Dan Egert, is a local Riverhead resident and has contributed to the community for the years that he has been here. The second reason is because it is one of the most unique and fantastic boats that I have ever seen. Its old fashioned, wooden laden walls along with its unique shape made it a ship to remember.

Santa walked onto the Riverfront and got off the boat and greeted all the families that were around the large bonfire, which was giving this reporter much needed warmth on the chilly evening. As the crowd watched in awe, they saw him walk over to a large unlit Christmas tree that was standing near the pier. In a magical display that had all the kids ohhhing and ahhhing he threw magic dust on the Christmas tree and it lit up! The entire crowd started cheering as they enjoyed the beautiful Christmas tree.

The evening did not end there. He began walking down the pier as everyone followed Santa to Santa's Workshop where every child got a chance to sit on his lap and receive a photo, a candy cane and a chance to let him know what presents they wanted that year. Everyone listened and sang along to Christmas music that was played around the bonfire and free hot chocolate was given out. "This is one heck of an event," said one spectator.

When the crowd started to dwindle everyone left smiling all the way home. Now all that is left to do is have a good holiday. We hope everyone will get what they want this year.

A Delay With The Suffolk Theatre

Executive Director Resigns, But No Project Is Perfect

By R.B. Stuart

Downtown Riverhead is still waiting for the reopening of the majestic Suffolk Theatre. It's apparent downtown is hinged on the opening of the theatre along with the Culinary Arts Institute, both appear to be opening in 2006. But, it won't be soon enough for residents and business owners a like.

Everyone is anxiously awaiting the revitalization of Riverhead to begin. And when the timing is right, the proposed $3 million plan by Bob Castaldi to refurbish The Suffolk Theatre will get done. Many of the businesses in the area, such as The East Enders Coffee House and The Blue Door Gallery are excited about the theatre opening because it will bring them more business. But what is going on with the delay?

In June, Castaldi speculated on a grand reopening of the theatre for the 2006 primary season of April thru October. Rob Dippel, former executive director, said during that interview, "It will undoubtedly have a huge impact to the district, historically, culturally, economically and educationally. It's about critical mass. That's what they need here 'feet on the street,'" he stated. And indeed that's what they're waiting for.

After closing its doors 54 years ago, the pile of dust, cobwebs and darkness will be replaced by the new designs of additional rest rooms, administrative offices, additional concessions, bar service area, VIP/Corporate suite area in the balcony and an additional 5000 to 6000 square feet in the stage area with supportive back stage spaces for performers. When complete the house will seat 700 to 750 people. Now, with the change in design, the major alterations may convert the house into a Cabaret themed theatre.

They plan to bring in children's programming and professional touring productions of comedy, country, blues, rock, jazz, dance productions, Broadway shows and film programming. Castle Renovations, Bob Castaldi and the newly formed non-profit Suffolk Performing Arts Society have impressive plans to bring the magnificence back to this aging beauty. Castaldi had a home in Cutchogue for 20 years and it was a chance for him to give something back. So he purchased the Deco dream from the town in February and was working with Rob Dippel, executive director of the non-profit to build the stage and open it as a performing arts center. Dippel has 28 years experience in non-profit arts management and 17 years in historic theatres.

But, as of two weeks ago, there seemed to be a glitch which has stalled progress and in the interim Dippel has resigned, further stalling the renovation by four months as they search for his replacement. This is a tough blow to the theatre, which was counting on Dippel to raise money and attract performers. The board of Suffolk Performing Arts Society, which is the non-profit group that will run the Suffolk Theatre once it is restored, made the decision to no longer work with Mr. Dippel.

Just because there have been delays for the theatre does not mean that it not going to happen. Losing Mr. Dippel certainly was something that was not part of the overall plan, but very rarely do things go right when trying to organize such a massive project.

Last summer, the first open house Memorial Day weekend brought in a constant stream of people, some signing up to volunteer, others for the mailing list. There is a tremendous amount of support for this project and the town of Riverhead is excited to see it through.

The new Suffolk Theatre will be the catalyst in bringing much needed foot traffic to an area crying out for change. This landmark is expected to bring hundreds, maybe thousands, of people to see a show and get a peek at the old movie house's charm and luxury, when chandeliers, wall sconces, marble water fountains and velvet powder room chairs were the norm. This generation will be able to experience the theatre magic once again. By this time next year, you may just be sitting there watching the Rockettes perform a holiday show, or maybe a production of *Cabaret*.

Dan's North Fork

North Fork Artist of The Week

Singer, Toby Altman

By R.B. Stuart

Toby Altman was singing before she was able to talk. Her first words were a jazzy interpretation of a Campbell's Soup jingle. "I didn't know I was a singer. It was hidden and locked up inside. I would listen to song lyrics and find myself making my own. Now, that's how I express myself."

Altman is a jazz vocalist, dance therapist, sculptor and designer. She didn't realize until she was 18 when she joined The School of Dance Therapy in New York City that she could dance freely. Her mother's five-year bout with cancer gave Altman a source of strength in her life and the ability to keep a stiff upper lip.

She wanted to pursue her talent of singing, but in order to care for her mother, she buried her childhood dream of singing. This remained buried all the way up until she joined the dance studio. "Then I simply had to sing. The singer was re-born and all the secondary things were put on the back burner and it was all about the music," Altman confessed.

Photo by R.B. Stuart

Altman was born in Long Beach, New York. In the mid-1950s her mother was a ballroom dancer, winning many Latin dance contests at the Copacabaña and other city hot spots until she became diagnosed with cancer. She died when Altman was 16, sending Altman out into the world to fend for herself. At 17 she began waitressing and found herself living vicariously through other artists. "If you have a passion and don't follow it, you will pay a high price," she advised.

Although she inherited her mother's gift of dance and movement, Altman didn't take her need to sing seriously until she was 35, at which time she studied with Hal Schaffer, the acclaimed vocal coach who worked with Marilyn Monroe, Barbara Streisand and Bette Midler.

She began performing around New York City at 55 Grand, Greenstreets and the Blue Note, singing annually at the New York Woman's Jazz Festival and Lincoln Center. She toured the Caribbean and the Orient, discovering the international language of music. It landed her in Mattituck where she lives and has a multi-media music and dance studio.

What she loves about singing the most, "It allows the freedom of expression and it is always unpredictable," she explained. "And it was a gift given to me which I give back. It's reciprocity, the ying and yang. It's realizing anything is possible. And when I sing I realize I'm not alone in the world," she said.

"Self criticism is a challenge along with how to keep a venue open with butts in the seats. Thank God for the vineyards. They are trying to keep jazz going, as are the composers. I've been put here to help keep jazz music alive," Altman states.

The biggest influence on her has been from the greats: Sarah Vaughn, Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Holiday, John Coltrane, Dexter Gordon, "Mark Murphy's airy sound influenced my singing. The saxophone has the sound that's most like the human voice. And Bobby McFerrin with his Olympic vocal calisthenics are beyond human capacity," she said.

Altman's passionate about beauty, fairness, relationships and continuance.

In ten years she sees herself, "At the beach, on top of the same mountain, singing in the rain, singing in the sun, singing in the shade," she ends with a chuckle.

If you're looking for a New Years Eve entertainment you can hear the smoky, sultry vocal sounds of Toby Altman as she plays for one night only in Mattituck at Porto Bello Restaurant on 9095 Sound Ave. The show begins at 7:00 p.m., call for reservations at 298-5577. Or if you're interested in private bookings you can reach her directly at 298-5039 or e-mail her at tobala7@yahoo.com

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OVER THE BARREL...

with Lenn Thompson

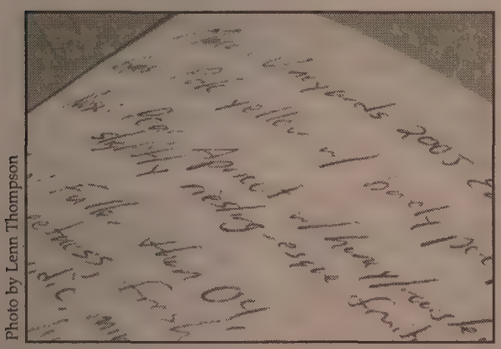
Drink What You Like.....Don't Listen to Critics

You really shouldn't listen to wine critics. That may seem and odd statement coming from one who counts himself as a wine critic, but let me expound upon it and explain. You shouldn't listen to wine critics without understanding or learning about what they like.

Too often people walk into a wine shop and buy a wine based solely upon a numerical score given by one wine critic or another. You've probably done it yourself — we all have at one point or another in our wine-loving lives.

If Robert Parker, the world's most powerful wine critic, gives a wine a score of 96, you absolutely should not assume that you'll like it. Parker, just like anyone else, likes certain wine styles and dislikes others. He tends to like big, powerful, fruit-forward wines that are high in tannin and alcohol. If you like those types of wines, fine, by all means follow his lead and buy the wines he likes. But keep in mind — if you don't, that doesn't mean you are "wrong" for not liking them. Parker liking a wine is of no consequence if you don't like it.

The key is to explore. Try wines rated highly by a variety of writers and get to learn their palate and favorite wine styles. It's entirely possible, likely in



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fact, that I've written complimentary things about a wine that hasn't captured your attention the way it did mine. Everyone is different and that's part of what makes wine so great. No one can tell you what you like. Only you know.

So how do I go about tasting wines? Most of the wines reviewed in this column are tasted "blind" against at least one other wine made from the same varietal or a similar blend. Blind tasting involves putting a paper bag (or something else) over a bottle so that the label is hidden, and removing the cork so that I don't know the producer of the wine I'm tasting. By doing this, I'm unaffected by labels or producer names. There are instances, of course, when blind tasting isn't possible, but objectivity always is.

While I do note the color and overall appearance of a wine, it isn't nearly as important to me as how the wine smells and tastes. By swirling the wine a few times around the glass and sniffing, you can begin to evaluate a wine's style, condition and complexity.

Next I sip, hold the wine in my mouth and "slurp" which draws air in and helps release various flavors. While in the mouth, we can assess how the wine's flavors, alcohol level, acidity and tannin work together. Is the wine balanced? Is it fruity? Are the tannins harsh?

It is also important to spend time with a wine. While Parker plows through wines (some say he only spends 30-60 seconds per wine), I prefer to spend an entire evening with a wine, tasting it out of the bottle, then with food, and then later in the evening as it's had time to breath in the glass or in a decanter. Particularly with red wines, this exploration over time often reveals changes and nuances that fast, power tasting doesn't allow for. This is an advantage I enjoy because I'm not reviewing thousands of wines a year like Mr. Parker.

But regardless of how wine is tasted/reviewed/written about, there is nothing more important than your own palate and your own enjoyment. Wine is meant to be enjoyed, not worried about. For years, my personal wine motto has been "Drink what you like. Don't listen to critics."

So why should you bother reading columns like this one? Because I hope my writing inspires you to seek out new local wine experiences. Because I hope to introduce you to the joy of wine and the people who make it happen. But mainly, because you love and want to learn more about it. That's why I write about it, after all.

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One Amazing East Wind Experience

The Spa At East Wind In Wading River Restores Our Reporter

By Krystle Howell

This past Friday I was graciously invited to review the spa at East Wind, located off Route 25A in Wading River. Upon entry I was amazed at the size and luxuriousness of this incredible establishment in Wading River. They have multiple rooms with beds where you can get a facial or a massage as well as a big open room where you can get pedicures and manicures.

When I first walked in a nice lady at a desk, named Elizabeth, who instantly made me feel comfortable, warmly welcomed me. As she got information from me, she asked me if I wanted any of the eight teas that they had to offer or a glass of spring water. I was overcome with amazement at how friendly the staff was and to how much they offered.

The chairs I was sitting in while waiting to be pampered were very nice and extremely comfortable. There were also plenty of magazines spread out on the table in front of me encompassing many different subjects. Within minutes, another friendly person named Sandra approached me. She told me that she was the one who was going to give me The East Wind Experience, which is an eighty-minute pedicure. I was excited about this but was also wondering what could possibly take eighty minutes to do? Well, I soon found out.

I was led over to another big, comfy looking chair that swiveled and was asked to take off my socks and shoes. Sandra then prepared the basin in which my feet would soak. It smelled of lavender oils. Lavender is the most requested, but they have other scents too, including ones with rose petals. Elizabeth came back over at this time and gave me a heating pad for my neck. This felt really remarkable and I thanked her once again. Sitting in this chair I got to enjoy an exfoliating scrub, which was followed by a paraffin dip and a foot massage, all of which felt great and very relaxing. Then, she painted my toes in the color of my choice and I was ready to go. By the end my feet looked and felt brand new. They were so soft and pretty. I thanked her once again and she even gave me a Yankee candle to take home.

After the pedicure was over another warm and friendly person named Jen greeted me. She was the one who would be giving me my facial. I had already had a deep sense of relaxation as she led me into one of the rooms, which was dark and only lit by candles. There was music playing and a bed to lie down on. The bed was heated, which only deepened my sense of relaxation. Jen expertly began to massage oils onto my face. The oils smelled really good and I later found out that they use different oils depending on the person's skin type. She continued to rub the oils on my face and even added steam, which would allow for my pores to open up. She then deep cleansed my face, which felt so incredibly good.

After that, she prepared a seaweed mask for me. It didn't harden the way I thought a mask would, which was a pleasant surprise. While the mask was on she massaged my chest, my upper back, my neck and my arms, which felt absolutely incredible. The Spa at The East Wind certainly knows how to make a person feel good. It was so relaxing that it was hard to stay awake. After the massage, she took off the mask, which came off both quickly and easily. She then took a warm towel and removed any parts of the mask that were still on. When she was done, I could finally touch my face, which was now so smooth, silky and looked and felt great. Jen then told me to rest there for a couple of minutes and to not get up until I felt fully comfortable. When I left the room, she offered me a glass of water so I could re-hydrate myself. At this point I didn't want to leave. I wanted to take in everything else they had to offer such as their massages and their manicures, but I couldn't. Other people were already coming in for their appointments. I asked them if they were normally busy and she said yes, especially around the holidays and when there are bridal parties. I could definitely understand why. The atmosphere as well as the staff was all warm and friendly. I would recommend this to anyone who wants to come. All you have to do is call them at 631-929-3500. They also have a website at www.theinnateastwind.com.

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Very Famous Author To Speak At The Custer Institute

Dava Sobel Will Speak This Weekend About Her New Book *The Planets* In Southold

By R.B. Stuart

Dava Sobel, the acclaimed literary non-fiction science writer, will be at The Custer Institute Saturday, December 17 lecturing on her new book entitled *The Planets.* Sobel, a former *New York Times* science reporter, has penned three successful books over her 35-year career; *Galileo's Daughter* was number one on the *New York Times* nonfiction bestseller list, won the 1999 *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for science and technology, a 2000 Christopher Award and was a finalist for the 2000 Pulitzer Prize in biography. *Longitude,* her first book, was re-issued in October for a special tenth-anniversary edition with a foreword by astronaut Neil Armstrong. It became a national and international bestseller and won several literary prizes, including the Harold D. Vursell Memorial Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and "Book of the Year" in England.

Sobel was born in the Bronx and went to the Bronx High School of Science. After graduating she went to Antioch College and the City College of New York before receiving her BA degree in 1969 from the State University of New York at Binghamton. She holds honorary doctor of letters degrees from the University of Bath (England) and Middlebury College (Vermont). At 13 she thought being a writer was just a fantasy. "I thought being a writer meant being a novelist," Sobel recalled. "At 14 I wrote three short stories and I thought that was the end of it. If I was a real writer I thought I'd be more productive than that. It wasn't until college when it resurfaced," she added.

In her 30 years as a science journalist she has written for *Audubon, Discover, Life* and *The New Yorker.* In 2001 Sobel received the Individual Public Service Award from the National Science Board "for fostering awareness of science and technology among broad segments of the general public." And in the same year, the Boston Museum of Science gave her its most prestigious award, the Bradford Washburn Award for her "outstanding contribution toward public understanding of science, appreciation of its fascination, and the vital role it plays in all our lives."

Some book critics are angered by her latest book, *The Planets,* because she has incorporated astrology into her scientific studies of the planets. "Astrology is very interesting, but some scientists don't feel astrology has a place in science and then for many people, astrology is as far as they go," she admitted.

"Although my father wanted me to become a doctor like him, at around 8 years old I became interested in the planets. My father read a lot about them and it interested him. He also found interest in sailing which inspired my mother to become a navigator," Sobel remembered. "My mother was a chemist and extremely interested in astronomy, taking courses in celestial navigation. But it was my aunt, who is still an author at 94 and has written 16 books, who has been a great role model for me," she said.

The PBS science program *NOVA* produced a television documentary called *Lost At Sea: The Search for Longitude* based on Sobel's book. And Granada Films of England turned *Longitude* into a TV movie starring Jeremy Irons, which aired on A&E. In 2005 a play based on *Longitude* opened in England.

"Science helps you realize how intricate the world is, and writing is the only way for me to learn anything. Every writer faces struggles everyday. It does not get easier with experience, for you end up taking on more difficult problems and assignments," she confessed. *The Planets* took Sobel six years to write.

For a woman who's traveled through space with her prose and her mind, she longs to go to the moon. "But it probably won't happen. It's arduous and I'm not getting any younger, but you never know," she said. Adding, her favorite planet is still Earth.

Sobel has lectured at The Smithsonian Institution, NASA's Flight Center, The New York Public Library, The Hayden Planetarium, and The London Royal Geographical Society. Snd has appeared on NBC's *Today Show* and C-Span's *Booknotes.* Heading down to the Custer Institute will be your last chance to catch Dava Sobel live because in 2006, she will be the writer in residence at the University of Chicago, where she will teach a seminar in science writing and work on a new project, a stage play about sixteenth-century astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus. On Saturday at the Custer Institute from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sobel will lecture, show images (created by artist Lynette Cook) and have a Q & A period. There will also be refreshments and her books, *The Planets* and *Longitude* will be available for signing. The ticket prices are $7.00 for non-members and $5.00 for members. The Institute is on Main Bayview Rd. in Southold. For more information call 631-765-2626.

Events (continued from page 42)

ROBERT R. MEHLING– Enjoy the artists work at the Mattituck-Laurel Library for the month of December. Call 631-298-4134 for more information.

HOWARD LEVINE– The unique artists work will be on display at Riverhead Town hall until March 2. Show consists of sculpture, reliefs and photos. Call 631-722-8084 for more information.

ART SHOW– At Love Lane Foto in Mattituck, presenting photography and painting by local artists. Show runs through January 7th. Call 631-298-0070 for more info.

CUSTER OBSERVATORY– Weather permitting Custer staff will be on hand to assist visitors in observing the night sky using their telescopes. From sunset until midnight in Southold. Call 631-765-2626.

FLOWER ALLEY– At the Blue Door Gallery in Riverhead, enjoy the work of local artists Sandi Woessner, Dublin Durller, Mark Kopko, Hazel Kahan, Chris Stavropolis and more. Runs through January 8. Call 631-208-8166.

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Dining in the Hamptons

Side Dish

By Aji Jones

In East Hampton, **CoQueze Wine Bar & Restaurant** will offer holiday brunches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning Friday, December 16th. The special includes a three-course prix fixe with an all-you-can-eat dessert cart for $25. The brunch is not available on Christmas. For more information, call 324-5494.

Chef Matthew Guiffrida of **The Patio** is offering a cooking class on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:30 p.m. for $20 per person. The "Holiday Stocking Stuffers" class will feature main courses ideal for stuffing, including coconut chipotle glazed pork tenderloin, which Guiffrida will cook at the prestigious James Beard Culinary Foundation in Manhattan. **The Patio** is also offering several ways to celebrate the holidays! A three-hour sit-down dinner features three courses or there is the Chef's Grand Buffet dinner at $54 per person. A two-hour cocktail party is offered for $34, with an extra hour of cocktails and dessert for an additional $10. For more information, call 288-4878.

Southampton Publick House will host a Christmas party beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 22nd featuring specials, holiday tunes and an appearance by Santa. The regular a la carte menu will be offered on Christmas Eve from 5 to 10 p.m. The New Year's Eve celebration will feature a $50 prix fixe dinner from 5 to 10 p.m. and a taproom party starting at 10 p.m. with a $10 cover charge. A special brunch will be offered New Year's Day from noon to 3 p.m. for $12 featuring entrées and a complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or brew. For more information, call 283-2800.

In East Hampton, **Rowdy Hall** will serve lunch Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. On New Year's Day, Rowdy will serve lunch, featuring brunch specials, and dinner from noon to 3:30 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m. Call 324-8555 for more information. **Della Femina** will celebrate New Year Year's Eve with a menu created by executive chef Michael Rozzi. The early seating, 6 until 8 p.m. will cost $95 per person. The late seating with music will begin after 8 p.m. and cost $150. For more information or to make reservations, call 329-6666. **Michael's at Maidstone Beach** will be open Monday, December 26th through Friday, December 30th. On December 31st, Michael's will serve a la carte with specials from 5 p.m. until midnight. To make a reservation, call 324-0725.

In Amagansett, **Pacific East** will serve dinner Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, and December 26th through December 30th. The New Year's Eve celebration includes a buffet, live music, and champagne toast for $95. Call 267-7770 for more information.

In Southampton, **The Plaza Café** is offering a special three-course menu on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve for $65 per person. The menu includes lobster-shrimp Shepherds pie, sliced filet mignon, and egg nog crème brulée. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve, an additional amuse course and glass of sparkling wine will be served for $79. For reservations, call 283-9323.

JLX Bistro, in Sag Harbor, will be open for lunch and dinner Christmas Eve and for lunch Christmas and New Year's Day. In East Hampton, **JL East** will serve dinner on Christmas Eve and a special prix fixe from 1 to 7 p.m. on Christmas Day. **Madame Tong's** in Southampton will serve dinner Christmas Eve. For New Year's Eve, JL East, JLX Bistro and Madame Tong's will host three parties for the price of one. For more information, call 204-0300, 324-1100 or 725-9100.

Nick & Toni's will offer a grand celebration on New Year's Eve beginning at 8:30 p.m. The evening will feature a caviar and raw bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, champagne, open bar until 9:45 p.m. and live Brazilian music. The four-course dinner will be paired with exceptional wines and cost $300 per person plus tax and gratuity. Nick & Toni's will be open for dinner Christmas Eve, and every night starting December 26th until January 1st. For reservations, call 324-3550.

Southampton Inn is planning a New Year's Eve celebration for the whole family beginning 8 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. A lavish four-course gourmet meal will be served with dancing in the ballroom and a champagne toast. There is a supervised party in the adjoining room for children with games, videos and a casual dinner buffet. For more information, contact 283-6500.

On the North Fork, **Stonewalls Restaurant**, located on The Woods Golf Course in Riverhead, is offering a special four-course New Year's Eve dinner for $125 as well as a three-course dinner Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. For more information, call 506-0777 or visit www.stonewall-restaurant.com. **A Touch of Venice** in Mattituck is celebrating Christmas Eve with an Italian Buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. for $26.95. Reservations are necessary, call 298-5851.

CORRECTION

There was an error in Silvia Lehrer's Cooking Column from December 9th. The recipe for Basic Sea Stock in *Washoku, Recipes from the Japanese Home Kitchen* by Elizabeth Andoh, Ten Speed Press, should have called for 4 1/4 cups water, not 1 1/4 cups. We regret the error.

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Silvia Lehrer's Cooking Column

Cookies, cookies, and more cookies take over the mindset of holiday bakers at this time of the year. And appropriately so – it is the perfect gift from the kitchen. Mall and cyber shopping have their place but nothing spells love like homemade from you. It is the physical activity that engages one into the deepest sense of sharing.

Passions run deep and those who know me also know that I would rather roast a roast and stir a sauce than level a measure and sift. Yet baking takes over at this time of the year, and how sweet it is.

While I arrange my stand-up electric mixer and gather and measure ingredients for a bake-fest, my husband, although a bit under the weather this year but the true cookie lover in the family, happily butters and flours baking sheets and helps with clean-up in between each batch as they emerge from the oven.

Some of our favorite, simple to execute cookie recipes are my daughter's chocolate chip peanut butter cookies, moist and chewy within with a crisp outer crust, lemon scented classic Madeleines and kourambiedes, a typical Greek cookie at Christmastime.

MEG'S CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER CHIP COOKIES

Moist and Chewy within with a crisp outer crust.

Yield: 3 1/2 - 4 dozen

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter at room temperature
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 eggs
12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
10 ounces peanut butter chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

1. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl and stir to mix. Set aside.

2. In bowl of a stand-up electric mixer or in mixing bowl with hand electric beaters cream butter and both sugars until fluffy. Add vanilla and mix. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition, until thoroughly incorporated.

3. Add flour mixture to the egg mixture, a little at a time, scraping down sides of bowl with rubber spatula and mix well. Stir the chips into the mixture, one package at a time.

4. Drop batter by well-rounded teaspoonfuls onto greased or Silpat-lined cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven for 8-10 minutes until lightly browned. Cool the cookie sheets on a wire rack for 5 minutes or longer then transfer cookies to a rack to cool completely. Continue to bake remaining batter as above and cool. Store cookies in wax paper lined tins.

KOURAMBIEDES

A delectable Greek powdered cookie typically prepared at Christmastime.

Makes about 3 dozen

1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter
1/2 confectioners' sugar
1 large egg yolk
2 teaspoons brandy
1 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup finely chopped almonds
To finish
1 tablespoon rose water (optional)
3/4 cup confectioners' sugar

1. In bowl of stand-up electric mixer or in mixing bowl with hand electric beaters cream together the butter and sugar about 8 minutes. With mixer at medium speed add the egg yolk and brandy and continue to beat about 3-4 minutes longer. Meanwhile, sift the flour, baking powder and baking soda into a bowl, stir in the chopped almonds. On low speed gradually add the flour mixture to the butter sugar mixture until a soft buttery dough is formed, about 1-2 minutes. Do not overwork. Cover and let the dough rest at room temperature for about an hour or chill overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2. To shape a classic kourambiedes break off pieces of dough slightly larger than a walnut, then roll in the palms and shape with your fingers into half-moons or S-curves. Place on buttered and flour dusted cookie sheets and bake on center rack in preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until golden-colored. Remove from oven and flick rose water sparingly over cookies with fingertips, if using. Using a flat spatula, carefully life each kourambie onto a wax paper lined cookie sheet. Sift a generous amount of confectioners' sugar over the cookies to cover them completely. Allow to cool completely before lifting and storing in tins. When ready to serve sift additional confectioners' sugar over the cookies as necessary.

MADELEINES

Madeleines are those wonderful "little cakes" made famous by Marcel Proust who found them "to look as though they had been moulded in the fluted scallop of a Pilgrim's Shell."

Yield: 24 Madeleines

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus 2 tablespoons to butter madeleine pans
3 eggs
2/3 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
1 cup all-purpose flour, sifted
Pinch salt

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Prepare madeleine pans: melt 2 tablespoons butter and brush the fluted molds of each pan evenly. Dust with flour and tap off excess.

1. Melt remaining 6 tablespoons butter and set aside.

2. In bowl of stand-up electric mixer or in mixing bowl with hand electric beaters beat eggs at slow speed until foamy. Adjust speed to medium, add sugar, and beat 8-10 minutes until thick and pale in color.

3. Sift flour and salt onto a square of wax paper and remeasure to 1 cup. Sift again directly over egg mixture and carefully fold in flour by hand until completely incorporated. Add vanilla and lemon rind and fold into mixture. Lastly add melted butter, folding it in a little at a time until thoroughly incorporated.

4. Spoon batter into the fluted shells to about 3/4 full. Batter will level itself. Place in preheated oven and bake 12-14 minutes until puffed and golden. Check halfway through baking. If necessary reverse position of pans so that madeleines bake evenly. Remove from oven and allow to cool about 5 minutes. With the tip of a kitchen knife inserted between cakes and mold, lift out cakes and transfer them to a cake rack to cool completely.

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Talking Turkey – Sort Of

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas over 50 million turkeys are killed; cut down in the prime of their penned-in lives, for what? So we can sit around with a bunch of family members and in-laws we barely tolerate while Uncle Pete gets boiled on egg nog. And then, to top it off, once the turkey is consumed, once Aunt Elma had picked off the last pieces of the carcass with her old withered fingers, a chemical reaction takes place in our bodies as Tryptophan kicks into high-gear, leaving everyone passed out in front of the TV during *It's a Wonderful Life*. Wonderful life for you, maybe, but the bird you just devoured, like you were the rejects from "The Biggest Loser," may think differently.

So what's the alternative? A Christmas goose? Prime rib? Listen, I love meat as much as the next guy. I've eaten everything from quail to whale, but the killing has to end somewhere, especially if there is an alternative. Tofu, the culinary world's chameleon, holds the answer – Turkey Yum Yum. The name says it all.

Meat-flavored Tofu has been around for years, and slowly but surely advancements have made it a viable, tasteful, and tasty alternative to the real thing. For vegetarians who have given up their carnivorous ways for moral reasons but who yearn for the taste of an actual turkey, there's a solution in sight. Packed with real herbs and spices, Tofu, and other natural ingredients, Turkey Yum Yum is wheat free and even suitable for vegans. Don't ask how they get the soy-based bird in the shape of a real turkey, just be glad they did. The "bird" even comes with its legs tied together. This solves one of the major problems with most vegetarian food that is made to taste like the real thing – if it doesn't look like the real thing, all is lost. Who wants to eat small cubes of some white, semi-firm *thing* that is supposed to taste like turkey? Much of taste is in perception. If it looks like a turkey, smells like a turkey, and tastes like a turkey, then, Occam's Razor says, it's a turkey. Hell, it even cuts into pieces like a real turkey.

Catering for vegetarians around the holidays is generally very difficult. With fifteen people at the table with completely different tastes and beliefs – from the three-year-old that only eats chicken nuggets to the I-don't-eat-things-with-faces cousin, to the stick-to-traditional-roast-beast triple-bypass grandfather, pleasing everyone is nearly impossible. But Turkey Yum Yum does offer a little help in that category.

Normally, when providing vegetarian-minded foods during the holidays, we tend to forget the fixings. Sure there's string bean almondine and roasted potatoes, but we somehow forget that stuffing with sausage isn't vegetarian, and the gravy is made from real turkey drippings. All these short-term lapses lead to a terrible situation for our fine nothing-with-a-face friend; a very short list of foods to eat. Fortunately, the folks at Gentle Fox Farms have created cranberry herb stuffing (made with homemade spelt and brown rice bread) and shallot gravy to go along with the Turkey Yum Yum, which is also perfectly suited for vegetarians, vegans, and those allergic to wheat.

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So for those of you who have given up meat for moral reasons, those who have given it up for health reasons, and those who just want something a little different this year, Turkey Yum Yum with all the fixin's may just be what you're looking for. Now, if they could make Turduckin Yum Yum and a healthy alternative to plum pudding, that looked and tasted just like it, we'd be all set.

For more information about Turkey Yum Yum and Gentle Fox Farms' other vegetarian friendly meals you can visit their website at www.gentlefoxfarms.com. Or locally Turkey Yum Yum is available at East Hampton Gourmet Foods on Newtown Lane in East Hampton (631) 329-3993.

–Christian McLean

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First Descent

I don't know if you've done the whole Christmas/Holidays in Manhattan thing yet. I don't know if you've braved the hulking masses and fought your way to cashier counters only to spend more hard-earned dollars. I don't know if you've yet fallen victim to the red, white and jingly green cyclone that is the tourist track of New York's December. Like I've said before, it's a necessary evil. But sometimes I feel a little ill about it all. Sometimes I wish I were outside with nature, using my muscles and accomplishing more than scoring a great sale at Banana. Snowboarding is the answer. The only sport I'm good at, one of my favorite things to do. I love this ride. Bad news is that I won't be hitting slopes until well after New Year's. Busybusybusy – oh, so punishing. There is, however, a small glimmer in my rideless winter – the beauty of vicarious living.

Following the trend of Riding Giants and Dogtown and Z-Boys, First Descent, The Story of the Snowboarding Revolution takes us into the world of snowboarding, from the humble beginnings when it was called "the worst sport ever invented" up to the recent joining of five boarders of different generations for the ultimate ride. OK, so it's a movie, but it might just be enough to transport you away from seasonal stress and worry. As of now, First Descent is also not playing anywhere in our area. So you'll need to be in the city to see it.

The film was created by Kevin Harrison and Kemp Curley of Transition Productions, and has been applauded for working to truly understand the sport of snowboarding. Legendary riders Shawn Farmer, Nick Perata and Terje Haakonsen team with US Snowboard Team riders Hannah Teter and young phenom Shaun White, to conquer some of the sickest back country in Alaska. The film is one part snowboarding history lesson and one part documentation of these superstars of the sport. From the old school riders (Farmer, Perata) to Terje, one of the most recognized and respected passing from his prime, to the newest stars (White, Teter), Descent follows their careers and eventually places them together in Valdez, Alaska. It is here in Valdez that snowboarding history was made. Long known for being the most extreme and pure region for riding, Alaska is where the pros go to test their chops at the end of the season. The first descents and steep slopes and real danger is normally charged by older and more mature boarders, but the directors managed to convince the handlers of very young Shaun White and Hannah Teter to allow them to risk their lives on a ride like nothing they'd done before, right before the Olympics. There was a lot to lose, but the youngsters made the trip and reached a new height for snowboarding. "It was a coup to get them there," said writer and director Harrison. "People die in Alaska every year."

Right now, the film is in 250 theaters across the country, but you'll have to go to Union Square or Empire Times Square to see it. It's doing well, and if the success continues, maybe we'll get it in East Hampton when *King Kong* starts stuffing multiple screens in theaters everywhere and the prints are ready to move east. Now I really want to go ride. In a sad consolation to Valdez, although quite a bit safer, we have a couple of mountains nearer than Vermont or the true powder out west. Hunter Mountain and Mountain Creek are sometimes known for their ice-boarding, but they're always fun. So maybe go watch First Descent then continue on to Mountain Creek where hitting that rainbow rail will seem like a joke after what you've just seen. Maybe you can stuff the fear and do something new. A good movie can motivate. Kind of like the way I want to smoke after watching a tough guy movie – don't ask me why. Regardless, I like what Transition has done with this movie. Snowboarding is a sport that at one time was banned from mountains, accomplished on planks, and virtually unknown. Now it can't be ignored. Only the snobbiest mountains don't allow it and they're losing the profits, while their skiers swish by in tight jeans.

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DEPARTING Manorville	5:10	5:45*	6:50	7:25	7:55	—	8:55	—	—	10:55	—	—	12:55	2:10	—	3:25	—	—	5:25	—	—	6:55	7:55	—	9:10	10:10	10:55
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Westhampton Line

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DEPARTING Hampton Bays	5:05	6:10	8:15	10:15	12:15	2:45	3:30	4:45	6:15	7:15	8:30	10:15
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DEPARTING Westhampton	5:30	6:35	8:40	10:40	12:40	3:10	3:55	5:10	6:40	7:40	8:55	10:40
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ARRV Airport Connection	7:10	8:35	10:20	12:20	2:20	4:50	5:35	6:50	8:20	9:20	10:35	12:20
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Take a Hike with Ken Kindler

This Was Once the Path!

Wednesday, December 7, I went on an "exercise hike" led by Ethel Pulaski of the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society. We met on Abraham's Path in western Amagansett about 0.2 miles north of the intersection with Town Lane. From Main Street, East Hampton (Rte. 27) head north a short distance east of the Hook Mill on Accabonac Highway, then travel 0.7 miles and bear right onto Town Lane. After 1 mile, turn left onto Abraham's Path, then after 0.2 miles look for the blue blazes of a trail that crosses this road. There is no sign at the trailhead and there are no "Hikers, Slow-Down" signs along the road. When I arrived at the trailhead I realized that we would be walking on a trail that used to be part of the Paumanok Path. The Paumanok Path now heads north of Stony Hill Road through several recently acquired parcels of undeveloped land in Springs. With the Town's land purchases and the assistance of the Peconic Land Trust, the Path now runs through a very pretty area of upland woods preserves. The Paumanok Path used to go through the East Hampton Recycling Center and along a residential and farming area. We walked this more developed area, but didn't bother with the now untended portion of trail that previously ran through the Recycling Center.

There was snow on the ground and a stiff wind was blowing, so we kept up a brisk pace to keep warm. The blazes we followed were the Paumanok Path's white rectangles covered over by blue paint. There were some very forbidding looking "No Trespassing" signs, but as long as we stayed on the trail we knew we were all right. Soon we came upon a cleared area and the unobstructed wind was carrying drifting snow into our faces. During the summer the Peconic Land Trust cultivates this area as a hayfield and the trail runs around the field's perimeter. There were no blazes in evidence. I knew we had to travel in a northeast direction because I remembered that the Paumanok Path used to head north to Stony Hill Road from here. Despite my familiarity with the area, if it were not for the hike leader I may have been wandering around for a while before connecting with the trail north of the hayfield.

North end of the Peconic Land Trust with the Lerner Mansion in the background

We headed north, and a little west of the Lerner Mansion. We then entered into an upland woods trail. After a while we reached Stony Hill Road and turned left (west). We walked this road for a short distance and soon saw to our right the post and rail "kissing gates" at the entrance of the Stony Hill Preserve. These gates are non-movable structures, made with posts and split rails with an opening large enough to allow people through them, but not large enough for motor vehicles. The gates are so close that they are almost "kissing," hence the name. This is one of many gates in the area erected by the Peconic Land Trust. They are meant to protect these preserves from damage caused by the illegal use of motorized vehicles on their lands. We walked on a dirt road to where the blue trail veers off to the left, but we continued straight onto the Paumanok Path, heading east. The beech trees, snow, and knob and kettle topography made this a very picturesque portion of trail. We walked up to the very beautiful Baker Kettlehole and then turned around and headed back the way we had come. The sun was now behind us and we were facing the opposite direction, so it was like we were walking back on a different trail with many new and exciting sights.

When we returned to our cars after walking only about 4 miles I still felt energetic, so I headed across the road to the western segment of this blue trail. I remembered that if I walked about 1 mile in this direction I would find some abstract metal sculptures that transform the woods into an alien landscape. Recently, Sasson Sofer donated his sculptures and sold the five acres on which they reside to the Town for the very reasonable sum of $1 million.

Many times in the past I have walked the Paumanok Path through the East Hampton Recycling Center and along Stony Hill Road. It felt strange walking this trail now in this new context, but I'm glad that at least the portion east of the Recycling Center has been retained.

Ken Kindler is a Trails and Open Space Advocate working to help the trails groups and land managers care for our "Natural Island." If you would like to learn more about our trails or help care for them, visit the Hiking Long Island website. www.hike-li.org.

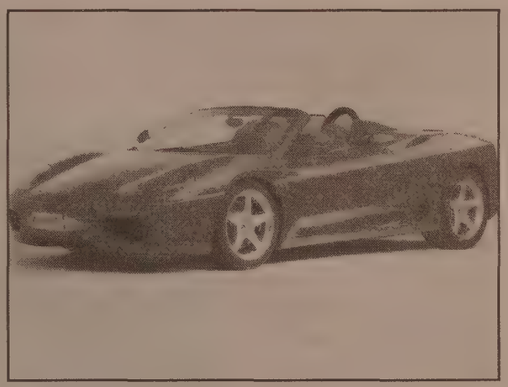
Classic Cars with Bob Gelber

As the holiday season fast approaches, I considered an article pondering the question, "What would Jesus drive?" Then I realized that it would be unfair not to give equal consideration to Mohammed and Moses. The whole concept became so convoluted and politically incorrect that I backed away from the idea. The last thing I need is to rile up the evangelical right, make a band of Rabbis mad and have a fatwah drawn up with my name on it. I'm gonna pick on individuals, not groups.

What would Santa drive? Obviously, the PR is that he has a sleigh pulled by reindeer. That's only in the winter. In the summer months he tools around in a red Ferrari. His family of little helper elves all drive little Fiats. Truth be told, the average Ferrari is terrible in the snow because it is equipped with all the things that are snow unfriendly; an over-abundance of horsepower, high performance "summer" tires, low-slung suspension members, and body work that costs more than a Subaru to repair. That's why it's his summer car. Oh yeah, and the big guy likes red, which just happens to be the Italian racing color for international events.

As the old joke goes, "What's the difference between a snowman and a snow woman? – Snowballs." The same can be said about a snowman's imaginary ride vs. his spouse's. I see Frosty tooling around in an old fifties Porsche Speedster. Frosty's car could not have a heater for obvious reasons. Anyway, those old Porsche heaters were terrible. The convertible tops on the Speedster also leaked like a sieve, all in all, the perfect car for a snowman. Also, as weird as it may sound, a white colored old Porsche in the snow actually looks like a huge snowball. Unfortunately, Mrs. Frosty melted in her husband's arms.

What does the UPS guy drive when he's not delivering those millions of gifts in that boxy brown truck of his? When these guys get home after a day of work, they refuse to drive anywhere. They're sick of it. The hard, cold fact is that most UPS men don't even own cars. And if they do, they ask their wives to drive.



Scrooge. This cheapskate certainly wouldn't drive an SUV because he would go bonkers everytime he had to fill up the gas tank. Obviously, he would covet a hybrid or diesel automobile. I used to wonder why anyone would own a Mercedes diesel when they were the only diesel engined cars available. After all, they were very expensive automobiles to begin with, and yet people were buying them so they could save a few bucks on gas. I eventually realized that these were basically smart, albeit Scrooge-like people, driving around in fancy grilled cars that got bargain-basement Volkswagen fuel economy. Perhaps we need more Scrooges around to buy smaller, fuel efficient cars. I also guarantee you all will say, "Bah, humbug," when you get your first home heating bill.

The Ghost of Christmas Past. Obviously he's a car collector, and he purchased them all at the right price. His favorite collector car, you guessed it, is a Rolls Royce Silver Ghost. His collector car buddy, Casper, is a friendly guy and owns many interesting historic machines. Even though Casper has absolutely nothing to do with Christmas, as a famous Ghost, I felt he and his collection of early race cars certainly deserve honorable mention. Those early race cars were those without roll bars or seat belts. They made ghosts of many drivers.

What does Scooter Libby drive? I had to use this guy's name, because it's so cheerful and merry. In real life, Scooter drives a new Saab Convertible. I've seen him in it going to court for his indictment hearing on CNN. That model Saab is a pretty cool car for someone in the President's inner circle, but if Scooter doesn't win his day in court you can bet all he'll be driving will be a Vespa.

What will you be driving for Christmas? As the TV ad asks, "What's in your wallet?" There are lots of winter cars out there in all price ranges. Small front wheel drive cars are surprisingly good in the snow. Of course, nothing is better in the snow than an SUV, but ask yourself if you really need that cumbersome SUV all-year-round. One new kind of car that is making its appearance is the four-wheel-drive sedan. These cars make a lot of sense, along with the small lightweight SUVs that are on the market.

Whatever you drive, drive safely and have a happy holiday season. Watch out for ice. As they say at the racetrack when talking about rolling over your racecar, "Keep the shiny side up."

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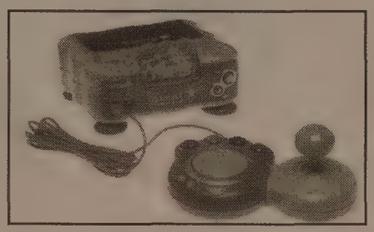
JUST FOR KIDS

For the Little Ones on the List

A real reporter gets to the heart of the story, so here it is, 7:30 a.m. on a snowy Friday and I'm going out to do my research the only way I know how... by getting out there and asking the people. I'm going to conduct my interview on probably the toughest subject around. I'm bundled up right now and heading out to a bus stop to find out from the local students what are the hottest toys around!

I'm back.... At first, the kids looked at me suspiciously when I approached them, looking like someone from the North Pole. But the little, red-haired boy from my previous backpack story remembered me and tugged excitedly on his mom's sleeve. "That writer lady is here again," he said. I calmly explained what I was working on to the mom and within seconds she had the 15 kids arranged for me in age order. Here are the replies that I heard right down the line: Legos, Cabbage Patch Doll, MP3 Player, Digital Camera, Imaginext, Fisher Price Shake and Go cars, Mario Party 12, Video Games, Video Games, Video Games (that was from 3 brothers ages 5, 8, 10). V -Smile, Aquadoodle. Those were the basics. As I thanked the troops and headed back to a cup of hot chocolate and my warm house, I was stopped by one little girl who said, "Don't forget to mention Dora. She has good toys too." I laughed, thanked the kids, dodged a few snowballs and am here now to get to the nitty-gritty of toys, 2005.

The younger 5-7 crew liked the Aquadoodle and drawing materials. Aquadoodle is essentially a drawing board that operates with a pen filled with water. When the water touches the surface, color appears. This great, creative toy sells for around $24. V-Smile is essentially a smaller X-Box 360. Children ages 3-7 can take part in interactive video games which deal with math, reading, phonics, and language development. The system gets attached directly to your TV and sells for around $60. Fisher Price Shake and Go Freeway are very hot items. Let your little one take control of the wheel and race around the track for hours. eBay is going wild with bids on this item!



Cabbage Patch Dolls are back and hotter than ever. They were around when I was a little girl and wrestling matches occurred whenever only one remained in a store. Moms would battle for that last remaining one. They are around in abundance now and have some really great accessories for a Cabbage Patch slumber party. The dolls sell for around $13. Imaginext is a really great toy for children ages 5-9. It comes in themes like "T-Rex Mountain" and has interactive snap-together pieces with moving action figures. It really encourages creative play. This system sells for around $35.

A really great hand-held device for the 8-14 year old set is the I-Quest. This device was designed in partnership with the Princeton Review and has questions from over 260 of the "most commonly used textbooks." This is a fun toy that is also useful for school. It sells for around $50. MP-3 players are a popular best-seller. For around $40 you can purchase one with a large enough memory to download 45 songs. Your children can dance their way into the kitchen.....and since they are there let them set the table and do the dishes! Another hot seller for this age range is the 20-Q Challenge. This New Age-looking toy tries to guess what you are thinking. It's an interactive game based on a popular website and sells for around $35.

Legos have been around for many decades and are still as popular as ever. These colorful interactive plastic blocks ignite the imagination of every child. Legos sell in a variety of tubs and themes. The popular one this year for the older set is the Lego's Action Stories and Star Wars. With these, your child can build ARC-170 skyfighters and head to the galaxy shouting "may the Force be with you."

Of course, I cannot forget Dora (here's to you, cute little girl at the bus stop). She is very popular this year. You can purchase your daughter a Dora the Explorer Talking Dollhouse for $49.00 or a cute Dora Magic Fairy Tale Princess Doll. You can never have too much Dora the Explorer.

Thanks to the kids who helped me out with this story! Have a wonderful holiday season and a lot of fun shopping for the hot toys of 2005.

–Jessica Gold

KID KALENDAR

For holiday events, see Holi-Day-By-Day, page 62

CMEE WEEKEND – 12/16-12/18 – Friday is "Late Night Pajama Night" from 6-7:30. Mulitcultural Saturday celebrates South Africa with an African drum-making workshop at 9:30-10:30 a.m. for ages 4-6; 11 a.m.-noon for ages 6-12. You and Me Sunday continues with a Mosaic Tiles class., 10-11 a.m. for 4-6 year olds, 11:15-12:15 for 7-12 year olds. Meet your Neighbor at 2 p.m Sailor Ray Hartjen teaching rope tying and rope-whipping while sharing tales of the sea. Ages 6 and up. Located 6 Bridgehampton/ Sag Harbor Turnpike. Call 537-8250.

FAMILY PARTY – 12/16 – 3-7 p.m. snacks an dcrafts at the Quogue Wildlife Refuge 3 Old Country Road in Quogue. Call 653-4771.

STORY AND CRAFT TIME –12/16 – Every Friday for children of all ages at the John Jermain Memorial Library at 3:30 p.m. Main Street, Sag Harbor. 725-0049.

HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW – 12/17 – at Goat On A Boat Puppet Theater. "The Night Before Christmas" 11 a.m. Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church, Route 114 and East Union Street, Sag Harbor. $8 ($7 grandparents/$4 children under 3 years). Reservations 725-4193.

CRAFT TIME – 12/17 – Make Tree Ornaments and Decorate the Library's Tree at the John Jermain Memorial Library. 2 p.m. Main Street, Sag Harbor. 725-0049.

KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – 12/17 – sponsored by the Noyac Civic Council. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Giordano's Restaurant on Noyac Road. Visit from Santa (bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it). 725-3869.

OPEN RECREATION NIGHT – 12/17 –for middle and high school age students. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Pierson High School. Every Saturday evening.

BUILD ELF HOUSES – 12/18 – For children ages 7-13 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Quogue Wildlife Refuge, 3 Old Country Road, Quogue. Call 653-4771.

ONGOING

JOY OF FAMILY MUSIC – Parent and child music together program. Children newborn through five years every week with "Music Together by the Dunes." Wed,Thurs/Fri mornings at the Southampton Town Recreation Center on Majors Path. Mon/Tues mornings at the Dance Center of the Hamptons in Westhampton Beach.Winter semester begins week of January 9th. Call 764-4180 now to enroll.

AFTER SCHOOL AT ROSS – Fencing class for ages 10 and up, previous experience required, on Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Yoga for kids 8-12 on Friday, 4-5 p.m. and Animation for ages 10-13, Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. At the Ross School at 20 Goodfriend Drive, East Hampton. Call 907-5555.

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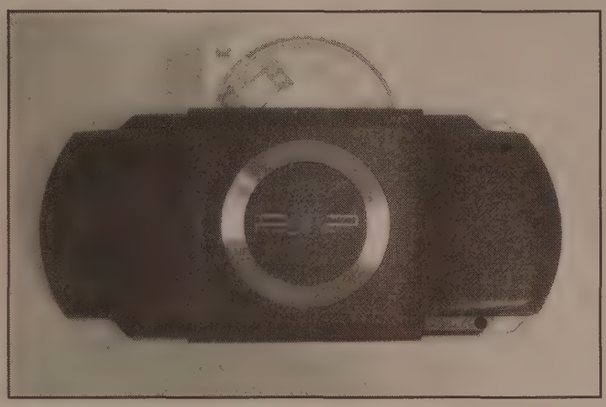
HOLIDAY GUIDE

Play *After* Your Thumbs Hurt

The scope of video games is so large right now that a follow up to last week's Holiday Guide coverage is in order. The monumental event that was the launch of the Xbox 360 as the first next-gen console was enough to cover an article on its own. But with that now out of the way, we can focus on a few more additions to the gaming treasure trove. I might even say that waiting until the 360 picks up some more steam is a good idea. The launch games are decent, but have yet to really exploit the potential of which the new console is capable. Wait for Elder Scrolls, Oblivion; the graphics and sheer expanse of the game should be a home run. If you got lucky and already found a 360, Call of Duty 2, the World War II shooter, rocks. It's playable at most video game retailers and demonstrates some of the greatness the 360 should give us in the near future. Graphically, Project Gotham Racing looks beautiful. That's also out now, and by the look of the cars and the cityscapes, it's a winner if racing's your bag.



As far as other new consoles go, the only semi-new stuff worth looking into is the current batch of handheld portable game systems. Last week we briefly discussed the PSP, Playstation Portable. This is definitely the best attainable gift for the older gamer. It features the largest and sharpest screen display of any portable system, and has a ton of great options. After a slow start, the games available for PSP are really starting to look good. The infamous Grand Theft Auto series' newest chapter is out now as a PSP exclusive. Liberty City Stories takes gamers back to the now classic Liberty City (LCS), of GTA 3 fame, for a whole new batch of missions. While it takes place in an old city, it is a game all its own. It's actually quite updated from the PS2 original, adding motorcycles and other vehicles plus missions that fit into the shortened play time of an on-the-go adventure. If you don't already know, this is by far the epitome of an adults-only game. LCS is definitely NOT for children. But definitely a good time and one of the most in-depth and huge games ever produced for a handheld. Also look for sports games by EA, Madden, Tiger Woods, and FIFA soccer, the Tetris-like puzzler Lumines, and the new SOCOM Navy Seals shooter. The PSP uses a new movie format called UMD and the list of available titles continues to expand. They're great for any plane trip or downtime at work. I'd also suggest buying a one Gigabyte storage card for your game saves, MP3 music files, and the tons of downloadable and convertible video files. This is a gaming tool above all else, but with some imagination and tech savvy you can do so much more.

For younger gamers, or those less concerned with graphics than gameplay, Nintendo's DS portable is another great choice for your holiday gift list. The DS makes use of a brand-new dual screen technology, hence the name. Combine this with the stylus controlled touch screen feature, and you have something that's never been done. Gamers can use the second screen to navigate maps or inventory without switching menus. Expect classic Nintendo mainstays like Mario and Donkey Kong to lead you in new adventures. Also enjoy the DS' newest hit, Nintendogs, where you raise a virtual puppy a la Tomogatchi of yesteryear. Trade items with other owners and let your dogs play. If you're into retro games, don't fret. The DS plays all the earlier Gameboy games, including reissues of original 8 bit NES titles, in this smaller format. The Gameboy Micro just came out, too, and, while it won't play DS titles, will run any of the aforementioned Gameboy games on its new format that is no bigger than your cell phone. It's more portable than its predecessors, but the screen suffers from the minute size.

The portable systems are becoming more acceptable for older people, and are still a hit with kids. Nintendo has by far the larger range of games, but the PSP is a multimedia piece of electronics mastery. Outside of these, check the bargain bins for some of the best games ever produced at prices well under $20. Latecomers to gaming can catch up without killing their pocketbooks.

–Oliver Peterson

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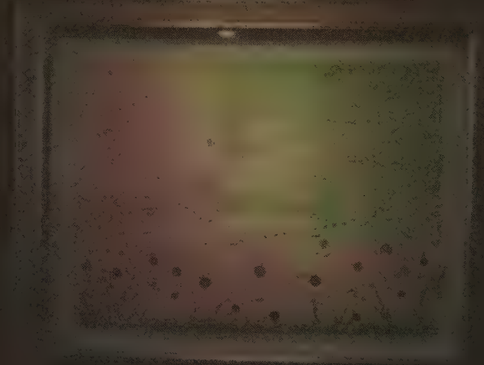

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

A Whole Ball of Trouble

Believe it or not, snow is just frozen rain. I know we all like to think of it as a heavenly gift, where each unique, symmetrical flake represents the diversity of each individual human. But sorry, it's just frozen rain. There is a poem entitled "The Origin of Snow" by Virginia Ellis that states, "when the angels sweep out heaven, bits of dust drop below; and as they fall upon us, they become little flakes of snow." Before I read this poem, I always thought that snow was precipitation in a crystalline water form that undergoes a phase change directly from water vapor to ice at a high altitude in the atmosphere, specifically below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. I guess I was wrong. Thanks, Ms. Ellis. What I *do* know is that snow can be a burden as well as a gift.

Snow takes on a profusion of uses that are all cold to the touch yet hot with excitement.

The mock wars we have all participated in are a perfect example of the versatility of snow. We transform into warriors on the icy battlefield of the snowball fight. The cardinal rule of engagement in a snowball fight is essential – no ear shots. The utterly painful memories of a snowball to the ear makes me shiver, duck, and cower in fear whenever I pass reckless youths on elementary school playgrounds slinging balls of ice at each other. But I feel the snowball fight has lost its innocence. Back in my day, around the year 1996, we used to build our own snow forts with our own frostbitten hands. We held no mercy towards our enemies. Nowadays, head-hunting in a snowball fight will get you a class-action law suit from an overprotective parent. Even Wal-Mart's commercialized the snowball fight. For $54 you can purchase an inflatable Snow Bunker, complete with escape hatches and snowball deflection shields. This Snow Bunker is a clear disadvantage to those kids around the block unfortunate enough not to have one. Snowball fights set a grim model for human nature. They lead to escalation, where snowballs turn to iceballs, just as knives turn to guns. The snowball, once a playful form of defense becomes something we can no longer control, something so powerful, only temperatures above freezing can melt it. I often pray for spring to come so that this violent madness will cease.

Another clichéd use of fresh snow is the blasphemed creation of the snowman. Who are we to think of ourselves as Gods, powerful enough to construct life from frozen water? We deck the cold-hearted snowman in a top hat and scarf, garb that mocks his low socio-economic status. We wastefully create a nose for our false idol from a fresh carrot, which could have been used to feed the multitude of starving mouths around the world. We give him jet black eyes; cold lumps of coal that let us peer into his equally dark soul, or should I say lack thereof. We stick branches in his side – wooden sticks that might have been used for kindling in a fire that could have heated a homeless man's shivering bones. Finally, we stick a pipe in his mouth, promoting the disgusting habit of tobacco use, or even something more taboo. His lower body goes from white to yellow as the neighborhood dogs use your frozen friend as a toilet. He smiles at us and smokes his pipe and we laugh while peeking out the window from within our warm abode as the bright sun melts his body and gradually phases his once bright charcoal smile into a puddle of vegetables, raggedy clothing, and drug paraphernalia.

Myths tell us that the Eskimos, properly referred to as the Inuits, have over a hundred words for the concept of 'snow.' The fresh white flakes blanketing our hills, forests, and fields give way to a beauty that can only be described in poems. It is a cherished fleeting image that comforts us. Cold temperature without snow is like summertime without sun – an essential seasonal cornerstone is missing. We'll just see about that statement once the snow turns dirty and the road salt coats our cars.

–Breck Archer

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

Overdoing Christmas

It is pretty easy to get fooled into throwing Christmas decorations all over your house to show your neighbors that you have the Christmas spirit. After all, there are those neighbors that for some reason, year after year, always have everyone on the street ohhing and ahhing at the incredible decoration display. But one of the things that happens all too often when a household decides they are going to impress their neighbors by purchasing just about every Christmas decoration imaginable and throw it all on the front lawn is they think the more decorations the better. This is not the case at all.

You have to keep in mind when you see those gorgeous decorations that your neighbor has in his yard that this guy has probably been decorating his home for a long time and knows the drill. He also gets inspired by all of the compliments that he receives from everyone else in the neighborhood. Each decoration that is on his front lawn has been carefully placed and since he has been putting lights and decorations out for so long, he has acquired a lot of special decorations as gifts from friends and family. So if you think that you are going to be able to compete with this guy by purchasing more decorations than him, think again. The guy with the best lights and decorations on the street has to get creative, especially when he is up against a semi-professional who has been doing this for years.

The real key to decorating your house on Christmas is to find your own style. The last thing that you should do is copy what somebody else on your street is doing. Doing this makes the decorations on the street look repetitive, but also makes you look like a copy-cat. Finding a theme to your decorations is a good idea. A theme can be just about anything from stars to Santa Claus. But you should decide on one theme and stick with it. Doing this emphasizes the decorations even more. Or choose just a singular object to highlight your home. One of the best is lights. Lighting up your house with an array of white string lights looks absolutely spectacular to anybody that is passing by.

Another good theme is a scene from the North Pole. If you can find the courage to set this up on your lawn, you will surely get a lot of compliments. You have to dish out a little bit of cash, however, for all of the different characters that you need to pose in your front yard. When people that are passing by your house stop dead in their tracks in order to check out your front lawn, you know that all of your effort has been worth it.

Less is more when it comes to decorating, but too little can look bad too. You really have to find the happy medium. Having just one part of your house lit up with lights looks kind of silly. Having the entire house covered with lights looks completely crazy. You don't want your house looking like Chevy Chase's house in the movie *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.* Also, keep in mind that lighting up your house is going to cost you extra electricity for the month. Speaking of which, it is important to pay attention to turning off your Christmas decorations during the day in order to save power.

A great place to shop for Christmas decorating and lights is Wal-mart or K-mart. Both of these stores have a wide selection of lights that you can choose from that can have your home looking as festive as a Christmas tree.

Expect to dedicate a little bit of time when you are setting up your Christmas decorations if you want to do it right. You can't just throw all of the lights everywhere and call it a day. Spend a Sunday working on setting up the lights so that it looks right to you. Spending the day with your kid doing this is a great way to bond. Just make sure that you don't fall off the roof when hooking up the lights.

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BENEFITS

HABITAT BENEFIT CONCERT – At Stephen Talkhouse, Amagansett, 6-11 pm. Lone Sharks and guest bands. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Peconic. Located on Main Street in Amagansett.

FRIDAY, 16

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING – 12/16 – "Holiday Shopping Made Fabulous" a preview party of a benefit art show and sale featuring the work of painter David Upthegrove and sculptor Lee Gutterson from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Christ Episcopal Church, East Union Street, Sag Harbor. Regular show hours are from 3 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit the church's Organ Restoration Fund. 287-9661.

FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES – 12/16 – *Cinderella Man* screened 6:30 p.m. John Jermain Library, Main Street, Sag Harbor. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. 725-0049.

MAD HOT LATIN – 12/16 – Featuring live music by Mambo Loco at 21 Water Street in Sag Harbor from 7:30 p.m.-12 a.m. $20 admission. Call 725-7500.

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THEATER ARTS GROUP – 12/16,12/17 – Performs "Relationships" at Morriss Center High School, Daniels Hole Road in Wainscott at 8 p.m.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH – 12/16 – Choral Society of the Moriches performs at 7:30 p.m. at Southampton Methodist Church, 160 Main Street.

FAMILY HOLIDAY PARTY – 12/16 – At the Quogue Wildlife Refuge, 3 Old Country Road, Quogue. Crafts beverages, snacks provided. 3-7 p.m. Call 653-4771.

SATURDAY, 17

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION – 12/17 – 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 160 Main Street, Southampton. Call 537-0132.

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – 12/17 – *A Crack in the Edge of the World* by Simon Winchester will be discussed at noon at the Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. Call 653-4224.

FILM FEAST – 12/17 – Fine food and the film *The Dinner Game* will be served and shown at the Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue at 6:30 p.m. Call 653-4224.

BOOK READING – 12/17 – Robert Long inaugurates the Ferregut Tower Gallery with its first reading 4-5 p.m.3 South Main Street in Southampton. Call 287-0798.

PICK OF THE WEEK

BOYS CHOIR OF HARLEM – 12/17 – At the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main St., Westhampton Beach. 288-2970.

THE ROCHES – 12/17 – "The Roches With A Holiday Twist" a concert featuring the singing sister trio at Bay Street Theatre, Long Wharf, Sag Harbor. 8 p.m. $32. 725-9500.

APRIL GORNIK – 12/17 – Book signing and talk by landscape artist April Gornik at 6 p.m. Canio's Books, 290 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 725-4926.

DAVA SOBEL – 12/17 – Dava Sobel discusses her new book *The Planets* at 5:30 p.m. BookHampton, 20 Main Street, East Hampton. Free. 324-4939.

HOLIDAY CONCERT – 12/17 – Free Holiday Concert and Carol Sing featuring organist George J. Hiltner III and soloist Julie Van Nostrand at 3 p.m. Christian Science Church, Pine and Cameron streets, Southampton.. 283-5772.

HIKE – 12/17 – Grace Estate to Cedar Point a 4 to 5 mile hike with East Hampton Trails Preservation Society. Meet 10 a.m. at the schoolhouse plaque on Northwest Road, near Alewive Brook Road. 329-3201.

HIKE – 12/17 – Laurel Valley Excursion with the Southampton Trails Preservation Society. Meet 11:30 a.m. at the kiosk on Deerfield Road, across from Deerwood Path in North Side Hills. 725-8765.

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Sunday, December 18

1:30-3:30 • Mrs. Claus & The Grinch
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Friday, December 30

3:30 • "Light the Menorah," Rabbi Konikov corner of Jobs Lane & Main Street Southampton Village

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CLEAN UP – 12/17 – Narrow Lane Cleanup sponsored by Southampton Trails Preservation Society. 8 to 9 a.m. on Narrow Lane east of Norris Lane. Bring gloves. 537-0660.

PLAY AND DINNER – 12/17 – Community Dinner and short play entitled "The Bells" presented by children. 5 p.m. A "Live Nativity" will be held in the Church Garden at 6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Southampton, 2 South Main Street. 283-1296.

TEA AND CIDER PARTY – 12/17 – cookie and brownie event with readings of classic 19th century American Holiday folk lore. 3 p.m. Southampton Historical Society, 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. 283-2494.

BOOK DISCUSSION – 12/17 –Charles King leads a discussion on *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking* by Malcolm Gladwell at East Hampton Library, 159 Main Street at 10 a.m. 324-0222 ext. 3.

BIRD COUNT – 12/17 – Annual Christmas Bird Count. A dawn to dusk census. Montauk count today, Sagaponack count tomorrow. To participate, call Hugh McGuinness at his office (631) 907-5229, home (631) 725-6037 or on his cell phone (631) 697-2099. Backyard feeder counters also wanted.

WREATHS WORKSHOP – 12/17 – Wreath Making Workshop at Marders, Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton. Noon. $35 includes all materials. 537-3700 ext. 128 to reserve.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR – 12/17 – sponsored by the Oysterponds Historical Society. 1 to 5 p.m. Houses in Orient and East Marion on the North Fork open to the public. Tickets at the Congregational Church, Main Road, Orient. 323-2480.

HOLIDAY POT LUCK – 12/17 – Dinner Party hosted by the Southampton Democratic Committee. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Schabs, 3 Godfrey Lane, Remsenberg. 325-1023 to reserve.

HOLIDAY GIFT PARTY – 12/17 – 12-5 p.m with hot mulled cider,wine and cheese served. 14 Trail Rd. Hampton Bays 594-1892.

LAUREL VALLEY HIKE – 12/17 – 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the kiosk on Deerfield Road in Noyac, across from Deerfield Path. Call 725-8765.

SANTA VISIT AND REFRESHMENTS – 12/17 – 2-4 p.m. at the Southampton Chamber office. 76 Main Street, Southampton. Call 283-0402.

BOYS CHOIR OF HARLEM – 12/17 – Performs at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. Call 288-2970.

CB'S ANNUAL PARTY – 12/17 – Christmas party featuring Joe Hamptons and The Kingpins . No cover. 214 Montauk Highway. Call 728-7574.

SUNDAY, 18

POETRY READING – 12/18 – Max Blagg reads at 3 p.m. at Salomon Contemporary Gallery at 130 Main Street in Sag Harbor in conjunction with Donald Sultan's "Smoke Rings."

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST – 12/18 – Holly Ivy Breakfast at Cormaria Retreat House. 77 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 8:30 a.m. to noon. $15. Children under age 10 are free. 725-4206.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – 12/18 – At the 10 a.m. service of the First Presbyterian (Old Whalers') Church, 44 Union Street, Sag Harbor. 725-0894.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – 12/18 – at Christ Episcopal Church, East Union Street at Route 114, Sag Harbor. 10 a.m. 725-0128.

BOOK TALK AND SIGNING – 12/18 – Artist Jean Holabird talks on her latest book *Nabakov's Alphabet* at 3 p.m. Canio's Books, 290 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 725-4926.

PLAY – 12/18 –*One Small Child* a play by children during the service of the First Presbyterian Church of Southampton, 2 South Main Street. Sunday School sings Christmas carols. 283-1296.

FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – 12/18 – *Bruised Hibiscus* by Elizabeth Nunez will be discussed at noon at the Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. Call 653-4224.

MAMBO LOCO TRIO – 12/18 – Performing Cuban and Puerto Rican favorites at the Patio Restaurant, 54 Main Street, Westhampton.

SUNDAY NIGHT JAZZ – 12/18 – Paul Kendal this week at Pierre's Restaurant on 2468 Main Street in Bridgehampton from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Call 537-5110.

CHRISTMASTIME ON MAINSTREET – 12/18 – 5 p.m. in the Village of Westhampton Beach on Main street.

GEMS SOUTH OF THE HIGHWAY HIKE – 12/18 – 10 a.m.-noon. Meet at the intersection of Narrow Lane and Wickapogue Road, Southampton. Call 283-1548.

MONDAY, 19

CONCERT – 12/19 – Final evening of the "Winter Concert Series" at 6:30 p.m. at Raynor Country Day School Campus in the Elementary School building. Call 288-4658.

SPRINGS OPERA – 12/19, 12/20 – Will perform "Days in Bonac" at 7 p.m. Monday and 1 p.m. Thursday at Guild Hall, 153 Main Street, East Hampton. Call 324-0144 for tickets.

A TASTE OF HANUKKAH – 12/19 – Holiday celebration at 6p.m. at Temple Adas Israel, on the corner of Elizabeth Street and Atlantic Avenue in Sag Harbor. Call 548-4303.

BAY STREET PICTURE SHOW – 12/19 – *It's A Wonderful Life* screens at 8 p.m. at Bay Street Theater, corner of Bay Street and Main in Sag Harbor. 725-9500.

TUESDAY, 20

LIVE JAZZ – 12/20 – Jody Carlson performs at Pierre's Restaurant on 2468 Main Street in Bridgehampton every Tuesday evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Call 537-5110.

BAY STREET PICTURE SHOW – 12/20 – *Babe sin Toyland– March of the Wooden Soldiers* screens at 7 p.m. at Bay Street Theater, corner of Bay Street and Main in Sag Harbor. 725-9500.

WEDNESDAY, 21

BAY STREET PICTURE SHOW – 12/21 – *Miracle on 34th Street* screens at 7 p.m. at Bay Street Theater, corner of Bay Street and Main in Sag Harbor. 725-9500.

THURSDAY, 22

TWILIGHT THURSDAY – 12/22 – From 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Wolffer Estate Vineyard there will be wine, cheese and dancing. Located at 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. Call 537-5106.

BAYSTREET PICTURE SHOW – 12/22 – *White Christmas* screens at 7 p.m. at Bay Street Theater, corner of Bay Street and Main in Sag Harbor. 725-9500.

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MARTIAL ARTS – Adult Jujitsu class will be held at Mark Tuthill's Martial Arts Center on Mon – Thurs. at 7 p.m. and Tues and Sat at 10 a.m. Cardio Kickboxing is Mon – Sat at 9 a.m. and Mon – Thurs at 6 p.m. at 37 Three Mile Harbor Rd. in East Hampton. Call 329-5982.

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SAG HARBOR PILATES – Pilates mat classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. with Debbie Rudoy. $20 per class. Reservations suggested. Located in Sag Harbor. Call 725-5994.

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

Don't Put Your Foot In It

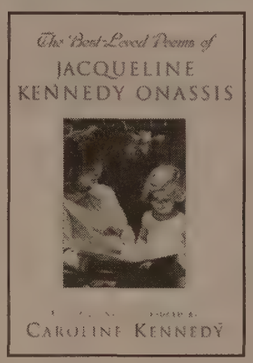
Small presents, big presents, presents for those you love and for those you hardly know.....the season of giving is upon us. Twisted in ribbon, stuck in Scotch tape and wrapped in wrapping paper, getting the present presentable is one of those chores (or joys) of the month of December. Unless you are gathering all the treats that go into the Christmas stocking. Most of the time, these tidbits of holiday glee are plunged into the giant sock that is in itself, the gift wrap. What could be easier?

This year, instead of the orange-flavored chocolate oranges, the refrigerator magnets from the street fair, or the leftover Halloween candy, wouldn't you feel better if your loved ones loved their gifts? I went to BookHampton in East Hampton to check out the display on the counter. For all of you who know and love BookHampton as your favorite hangout on a wintry afternoon, you know the counter I mean. It is veritably covered with books of all sizes, most small and clever, some medium-sized and maudlin, but all good to stuff the stocking. Here are a few fun ones that I found, along with a recommendation from Charlene Specter, the owner of the store, whom I was fortunate enough to run into when I was there.

•*On Bullshit*, by Harry G. Frankfurt, a Princeton University Professor Emeritus of Philosophy. This little book attempts to articulate a theory of this "contemporary scourge – what it is, what it does, and why there's so much of it."

•*Journeys and Places to Discover in Your Retirement, a Silver Nomad Publication*. This is a detailed guide that describes 29 fascinating places around the world. The locations were chosen to reflect the needs and interests of mature travelers. The book divides travel sites according to seven themes: Romantic Liaisons, Active Breaks, Off-the-Track Adventures, Cities of Culture, Spiritual Retreats, Gastronomic Getaways, and Consumer Paradises.

•*Sailing Alone Around the World, The True Story of Joshua Slocum, the first man ever to circle the globe entirely alone at sea*. In a little over three years, Captain Joshua Slocum completed the feat many believed couldn't be done. The book is his stories from his journey. It was first published in 1900, and has been in print ever since.



•*French Cats Don't Get Fat*, by Henry Beard, the best-selling author of many humorous and charming books about cats.

•*Declaration of Independence and The Constitution*. Brushing up on this should be required reading for all Americans right about now, wouldn't you say? By the Cato Institute.

•*It's Not Easy Being Green*, by Jim Henson. The famed puppeteer's own words and sentiments, along with some of Kermit the Frog's and Ernie's too.

•*Words Every Word Lover Should Know, 100 Words from the American Heritage Dictionary*. The perfect book for people who want to learn more about words that have "absorbing histories, intriguing coinages, surprising but useful meanings, or have been used by famous writers throughout the history of English."

•*Amazing Peace*, a poem by Maya Angelou, which she read at the Tree-lighting ceremony at the White House on December 1, 2005.

•*Tolstoy: Wise Thoughts For Every Day*, 365 pithy writings, to inspire you each day of the year. This compendium of wise thoughts gathered over the course of a decade from Tolostoy's wide-ranging readings in philosophy and religion and from his own spiritual meditations. It was banned under the communists.

•*Festivus For the Rest of Us*. A collection of highlights, both photos and written assessments, of actual real-life celebrations of Festivus, the holiday created by Frank Costanza on "Seinfeld."

•*The Best Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*, compiled by her daughter Caroline Kennedy. Poems from John Clare, Kipling, Robert Frost and others, are complemented by more than a dozen black and white family photos.

•*Field Guide To Stains, How to Identify and Remove Virtually Every Stain Known to Man*. The title says it all.

•*You Say To-Ma-To, Amusing and Irreverent Guide to the Most Often Mispronounced Words in the English Language*, by R.W. Jackson. Seven hundred word pronunciation guide. "This little tome should come in handy for all who wish to wield language with a certain savoir faire (sav-wahr FAR)."

•*The Gates: A Thrilling Journey, 23 miles in six and a half minutes*. Ms. Specter's recommendation is a photo-animated DVD recounting, Jeanne-Claude and Christo's art exhibition that overtook Central Park for twelve days last winter.

–Robin F. Smith

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Shop 'til You Drop... With Maria Tennariello

Shoppers are all over.....the stores are filled to the rafters with holiday goodies and sales. Let's do some holiday shopping!

At the Southampton Hospital gift shop, **The Topiaire,** there is an amazing selection of cute holiday gift choices. All bath and beauty products are 30% off and all Christmas merchandise is 50% off. Stop in and do some holiday stocking-stuffer shopping!

In Southampton on Jobs Lane and on East Main Street in Riverhead, the **Vacuum and Sewing Centers** are having a "Stitch and Save" event on the Singer commercial-grade sewing machine at $399. Along with the purchase of the Singer 1725 model, which sells for $89, you get a free lesson with machine purchase. If you bring in a Christmas stocking you will receive 25% off and accessories that will fit inside. This cute idea sounds like fun to me.

There are some brand new products for your pets at **Little Lucy's** on Jobs Lane in Southampton for you to choose from. The new Sparkle and Shine shampoos for dogs are gift packaged for the holidays. There are cute canine parkas and shearling coats just in time for the cold weather, handmade dog scarves, plaid bowties, Santa hats and antlers for the festive canines. You won't believe the tennis bracelet and diamond ring-boxed toys for your sophisticated pooch. The Vermont-grown catnip stockings are now available for the fussy felines, along with many unique pet-related couture, as well as gifts for your best friend.

On Hampton Road in Southampton, check out the "Pre-Christmas Sale" on almost all stock merchandise at **Bernadette O'Brien Fabrics & Interiors,** saving you a hot 50%. There is a nice selection of children's clothing, baby nursery accessories, handmade painted children's furnishings (selling at below cost), Calypso quilts in all colors, feather downs at $100 each, fabrics, trims and accessories, down duvets, blankets and pillows, as well as luxurious gift baskets. There are also tables, chairs, trunks, hangers, photo frames, and so much more here; you will not walk out empty handed.

At **Carpet One Of The Hamptons,** on North Sea Road in Southampton, the "Holiday Greetings" sale will save you 20% on all in selected stock items and 10% off all special orders. There are literally thousands of styles and colors to choose from, so get going. The sale will run through December 31.

I stopped into **Pier 1 Imports** on Montauk Highway in Southampton and found a store filled to capacity with great holiday gifts that were all on sale. Some of the savings are amazing, all the holiday décor is 35% off, holiday ornaments 35% to 50% off, candles and candleholders 20% to 40% off, toys and plush animals, glassware and bar accessories 22% to 50% off, baskets 40% off, jewelry boxes 30% off, frames and photo holders 20% to 40% off, and so on and so on.....There are plenty of savings throughout the store and this sale is in progress until December 24.

There is a huge "Holiday Sale" saving you from 15% to 25% off select items at **Gems of the Past** on Newtown Lane in East Hampton. The shop is filled with treasures that will put a smile on that special someone's face this holiday season. Go for it!

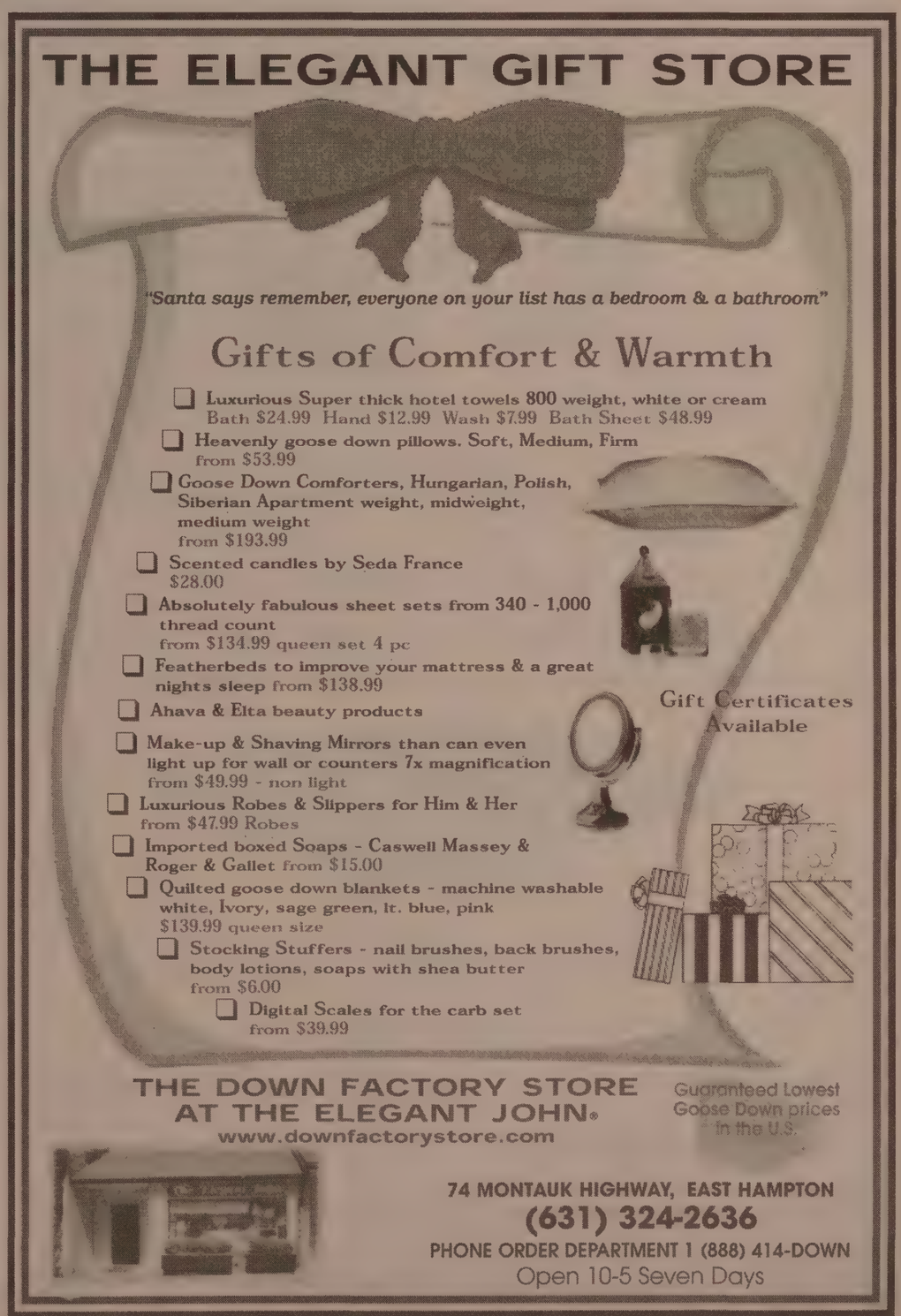
Again this year the tiny **Guild Hall Museum Gift Shop** in East Hampton is filled with many unique holiday gifts for everyone on your gift list. There are beautiful ornaments, cards and Christmas soaps as well as toys, games, jewelry, books, candlesticks, frames, puzzles and clocks, just to name a few of the unusual gifts that the gift shop will be more than happy to wrap for you.

You must stop into the **Whalebone Store** on Noyac Road in Sag Harbor for a look at all the beautiful holiday plants, including poinsettias, candle rings, decorations, greeting cards, photo frames and unusual gifts for everyone on your holiday shopping list. On December 21, free coffee and cookies will be served to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Heine Family's opening of the Whalebone. To celebrate, they are having a 20% off all store merchandise (except tobacco, lottery and newspapers of course), and will be giving out free gifts (while they last).

Have you seen the village of Sag Harbor at night yet? Take a stroll on Main Street and enjoy all the holiday lights and the holiday decorations in the shops. While you're there stop into the **Headley Studio** on Madison Street where you will find a "Holiday Sale" with 40% off all furniture including side tables and consoles and 40% off pottery. The chandeliers and lamps are 25% off and all select decorative mirrors are 24% to 50% off also. Headley is open at 11 a.m. every day until Christmas and they will gift wrap free at the studio and at the Generous Fashions, in the same location as the new winter and resort-wear collection that has just arrived!

Until next week. Ciao and happy holiday shopping.....

If you have any questions or comments, or your shop is having a sale, I would love to know about it. E-mail me at shoptil@danspapers.com or by fax at: 631-537-6755.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The Handsome Man Does Christmas

Season's greetings from the Handsome Man! You might remember me from such previous articles as "The Handsome Man Says," where I gave advice to all you classless scoundrels on how to look, act, and feel devastatingly handsome. I'm kind of a big deal. Well, this time I'm here to instruct you on what to purchase for friends and loved ones, if you have any, when the holiday season comes around. If you're wondering what to get me, lavish accessories from the Sharper Image catalogue are perfect. Here are some tips for gift ideas for the upcoming holidays.

First of all, buy everything on an American Express black corporate executive credit card. Some people have this crazy notion that something like painting a picture or taking a photograph and putting it in a frame is more personal and meaningful. I say it's cheap. For a woman, whether it is a girlfriend, wife, or mistress, The Handsome Man believes in giving diamond-encrusted jewels, usually dipped in gold, laminated in platinum, and sprinkled with rubies. Sometimes I'll even have the valuables sewn into a piece of lingerie. They love that. On the card, I write:

"To whom it may concern,
Happy holidays!
Yours truly,
The Handsome Man"

Some would call me the Grinch around this time of year. I'm probably the best damn good looking Grinch you'll ever see in your life.

When it comes to family, the Handsome Man doesn't know much. What I do know is that a box of clementines makes a perfect holiday gift for those who unconditionally love you. If you're feeling especially warm, a fruitcake or some candy canes really spread the holiday cheer and send the message that "I care about you, but stay off my property." Some others would call me a Scrooge around this time of year. But I doubt Ebenezer Scrooge had such a chiseled bone structure and well-defined calf muscles.

For business associates, the most important

individuals in the Handsome Man's life, I usually ship crates of Remy Martin Louis XIII Cognac, which run about $1753.33 a bottle, and a box of Montecristo Platinum cigars.

When I hear the sound of hooves on my ceiling, I don't leave a plate of cookies and a glass of milk in my living room. Instead I reach for my 12-gauge and attempt to extend the mounted reindeer collection in my trophy room, which after this year will be illuminated by Rudolph's nose. He'll be reacquainted with Donner and Blitzen come Christmas.

I know all of you probably have only one Christmas tree in your home. As for me, I ordinarily cut down a few thousand acres of evergreens before I find that special holiday tree. It needs to be especially tall in order to fill my 50 ft high living room ceilings. I don't decorate with ornaments and lights either. The Handsome Man uses Rolex watches, Tiffany bracelets, and Faberge eggs on silver hooks. Instead of a shining star to top off my tree, I use a Rolls Royce. No questions asked.

When it comes to Santas in shopping malls– actually, the Handsome Man has never been to a shopping mall. Only because they are filled with nothing but rapscallions and disgruntled low-level employees of who I probably fired last Christmas Eve. And when carolers come a knockin' on my door, I release the hounds while blasting tasteless 80's metal out of 40-foot speakers, drowning out the infernal racket of holiday cheer. I buy up all the eggnog at the supermarket and use it to fill up my heated Olympic-sized pool that I've never even swum in.

On December 26th, I have my personal assistant return every gift that was given to me, because only the Handsome Man knows what the Handsome Man wants and what the Handsome Man wants, the Handsome Man gets. Merry Christmas, simpleton.

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

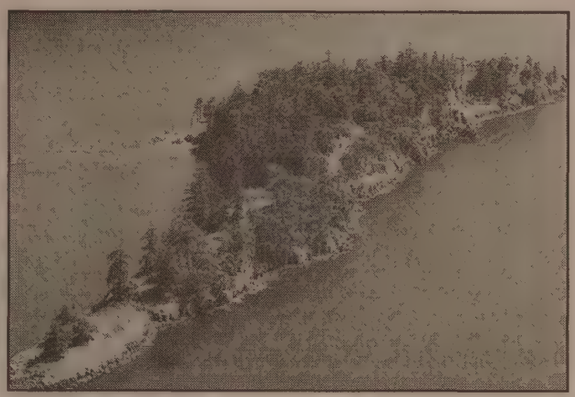
Really Expensive Gifts of the Magi

Everyone is probably familiar with the O. Henry short story *Gift of the Magi*. In the story a young, broke couple in New York struggles to find each other Christmas gifts. Each of them has only one thing of value; Della, her long, luxurious hair, and Jim, his father's pocket watch. In a show of selfless devotion, each trades the things he or she treasures most to get the other a special gift. Della sells her beautiful hair to buy Jim a fob for the watch and Jim pawns the watch to buy Della a set of combs she had pined after. The joke's on them, right? Suckers.

The point of the story is, of course, that people should have a great deal of money at Christmastime with which to buy each other presents. O. Henry (not even his real name, the duplicitous skunk) tells us, "The magi, as you know, were wise men – wonderfully wise men – who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication." And that last part is the part that really concerns us. It speaks to the advent of one of the marvels of modern gift giving: the gift receipt. Bet those Magis wish they had one of those from Neiman Marcus. What is a baby going to do with frankincense and myrrh anyway? By the way, can you smoke frankincense?

Whatever. Shepherds – even wise ones – and destitute New Yorkers at the turn of the century can get away with giving any old, crappy thing. But what of the masters of the universe? Are they to get combs for their social x-rays? Oh, I don't think so, friends. We are talking top ticket, big money items.

Nothing says, "Merry Christmas, baby" like a private island. The Matana South Seas Plantation on the edge of Koro Island in Fiji goes for a cool USD $27,500,000. But won't it be worth every penny when you see her little face light up with delight? Take note, there are no property taxes in Fiji, making this plot a comparative bargain. The 806-acre island was passed by Captain Bligh on his historical journey from Tahiti to Batvia in 1789. Bligh said of Koro Island, "Nothing can exceed its beauty." Interested parties should go online to www.vladi-private-islands.de. If you want to cheap out, you can rent a smaller private island for about USD $3,000 a day (seaplane transfers not included) on the same website. A week or so away in Fiji would make a nice gift, I guess.



Maybe your honey's commute is getting to be a burden and you really want to lighten the load. And you are concerned about the aforementioned gift receipt. Look into purchasing a Skycar Prototype from Neiman Marcus. The catalog boasts that the slick $3,500,000 (delivery not included) personal aircraft is "designed to be as safe, affordable and easy to use as an automobile." And it's hard to argue with this, except for the fact that it goes 350 miles an hour and costs about as much as a small waterfront parcel in Southampton. But imagine how it would cut down on travel time between here and Manhattan.

A little something to hang on the wall is always nice, and, in keeping with the Christmas spirit, how about an image of Christ? Leonardo da Vinci's "Madonna with the Yarnwinder" was stolen on August 27, 2003 from its home at Drumlanrig Castle in Scotland. The painting is currently still missing and thought to be worth approximately $53 million, if you can find it. Edvard Munch's "Madonna" was stolen from the Norwegian National Gallery on the same night as "The Scream," which is thought be worth about $75 million. Both of those paintings are still at large and presumably available to the right buyer. A word of caution though: Even after you empty out all the piggy banks and off-shore accounts, possession of stolen masterpieces is still a crime.

Okay, so maybe you don't want to travel back and forth to Fiji, or skimming over Long Island at half the speed of sound seems like a bad idea, and risking jail-time, while romantic, could put a crimp in your relationship. How about a nice, simple (okay, grandly complicated) watch? Vacheron Constantine has released the most complicated (and expensive) watch in its 250-year history. The Tour de l'Ile watch has 834 separate parts and 16 complications. The watch has been produced in a limited edition of seven, and sells for $1.5 million. Basically, it stomps all over Jim's little pocket watch.

(It's so true, as O. Henry says;) "O all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the Magi."

–John Capone

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HOLIDAY GUIDE

A Season of Celebration

As most people are already familiar with the Christmas tradition, I would like to offer a little history on the other holidays that are celebrated during the month of December: Chanukah and Kwanzaa.

Chanukah, the Jewish festival of rededication, which is also known as the festival of lights, is an eight-day celebration beginning on the 25th day of the month of Kislev (the ninth month of the Jewish year, occurring in November/December). In the Western world, Chanukah is probably one of the best-known Jewish holidays, principally because of its proximity to Christmas. While many may think of this holiday as the "Jewish Christmas," including elaborate gift-giving and decoration, Chanukah is actually a simple historical commemoration, celebrating the victory of a small band of Jewish rebels fighting against the imposing might of the Hellenistic Assyrian army.

The story of Chanukkah begins in the reign of Alexander the Great. Alexander conquered Syria, Egypt, and Palestine, but allowed the lands under his control to continue observing their own religions and retain a certain degree of autonomy. Under this relatively benevolent rule, many Jews assimilated much of Hellenistic culture, adopting the language, the customs, and the dress of the Greeks, in much the same way that Jews in America today blend into the secular American society.

More than a century later, a successor of Alexander, Antiochus IV was in control of the region. He began to oppress the Jews severely, placing a Hellenistic priest in the Temple, massacring Jews, prohibiting the practice of the Jewish religion, and desecrating the Temple by requiring the sacrifice of pigs (a non-kosher animal) on the altar. Two groups opposed Antiochus: a nationalistic group led by Mattathias the Hasmonean and his son Judah Maccabee, and a religious traditionalist group known as the Chasidim, the forerunners of the Pharisees (no direct connection to the modern movement known as Chasidism). They joined forces in a revolt against both the assimilation of the Hellenistic Jews and the oppression by the Selucid Greek government. The revolution succeeded and the Temple was rededicated.

It is should be noted that the practice of gift-giving was only added in modern times in communities where Christmas was predominantly observed, with its associated custom of giving Christmas presents. Traditionally, Chanukah "gelt" (now chocolate coins) were distributed. Jews adopted the practice of gift giving as a way of avoiding their children's jealousy of their Christian friends. Today, especially in North America, it has become a fairly widespread practice, extending, in extreme cases, to the giving of an additional gift each of the eight nights.

It is traditional to eat fried foods on Chanukkah because of the significance of oil to the holiday. Among Ashkenazic Jews, this usually includes latkes (pronounced "lot-kuhs" or "lot-keys" (i.e., potato pancakes) depending on the country your grandparents came from. Another tradition of the holiday is playing dreidel, a gambling game played with a square top. Most people play for matchsticks, pennies, M&Ms or chocolate coins. The traditional explanation of this game is that during the time of Antiochus' oppression, those who wanted to study the Torah (an illegal activity) would conceal their actions by playing gambling games with a top (a common and legal activity) whenever an official or inspector was within sight.

Kwanzaa is a non-religious African American holiday which celebrates family, community, and culture. It is celebrated for seven days from December 26 through January 1.

The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza," which means "first fruits" in Swahili. Each family celebrates Kwanzaa in its own way, but celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal. On each of the seven nights, the family gathers and a child lights one of the candles on the Kinara (candleholder), then one of the seven principles is discussed. The principles, called the Nguzo Saba (seven principles in Swahili) are values of African culture, which contribute to building and reinforcing community among African-Americans. Kwanzaa also has seven basic symbols, which represent values and concepts reflective of African culture. An African feast, called a Karamu, is held on December 31.

Since its founding in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than18 million people worldwide, as reported by the *New York Times*. When establishing Kwanzaa in 1966, Dr. Karenga included an additional "a" to the end of the spelling to reflect the difference between the African-American celebration (kwanzaa) and the Motherland spelling (kwanza).

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"Don We Now Our Gay Apparel"

I read recently of a couple from L.A. who, deciding to forget that it never snows in California, dreamed up their own white Christmas, complete with a thirty foot inflatable Frosty the Snowman on their deck, a snow machine borrowed from their set designer friends and live penguins in their swimming pool. The Polar Party is also appropriate for the East Coasters on dismal family vacations who are missing Christmas by the fire. For the less decadent hosts, there are more frugal ways to create a winter wonderland: crank the air conditioner, pass out some mittens and serve hot and boozy drinks by a fire. Fake snow is cheaper than a snow machine and looks great when the brandy-spiked cider is flowing. Some might skip the simulated weather control theme and rely on good old decorations for the winter effect. Hang snowflakes and icicles lights from the ceilings, spray frost on the windows and cover the furniture with white material. Set the tables with winter wonderland-inspired décor, such as frosted glasses, silver tableware and frosted candles and serve an angel food cake.

On the other hand, for those in cold climates, a beach party might be a nice change. Fill your apartment with sand, crank the heat and pull out the old Hawaiian shirt. You might even hire a steel drum band to sing carols. I have heard of hosts bringing the ever-beloved snow cone stand to their party. Some might decide to impress with an ice-cream truck parked outside. For New Yorkers, I believe the icy-man (the father of Italian ice with whom anyone who has spent summers in the Big Apple is familiar) is available for house calls in the off-season.

For those who like a frosty bite to their holiday bash, the ice skating party is a definite hit. I know what you're thinking – that the skate party is for babies. I'll let you in on a little secret: Add booze to anything and it becomes adult sport. Some might complain about all the demanded preparation for the sporty event. These are probably the same people who never exercise, so the fresh air and extra endorphins will cheer them up.

A strange alternative bash for the holidays is the 50s Crooners Christmas. Get your guests to dress as Bing Crosby or, for those under 40, try Johnny Mathis, or for those who don't know who these people are, just slip on granny's hand-knitted reindeer jumper and have a delightfully un-hip Christmas bash. In fact, why not throw a plain old Christmas Sweater Party? Why? Just because it's funny to watch serious people do their serious things in wooly elf and snowman sweaters. But be forceful with the dress code. Allow no one to enter without a very un-fashionable sweater. Because when the chic people show up, the weak links will no doubt ditch their sweaters. Soon it's not a Christmas Party at all, just a cocktail party with eggnog and some poor kid still wearing an undersized Rudolph sweater. A bouncer might be in order.

Choosing music is crucial to the party's ambiance. I have heard the Starbucks compilation played on repeat at too many gatherings to let this go on. Say no to Celine Dion! I'm not saying you have to play anything ultra-hip. I spent too many teenage years blasting the Velvet Underground from my bedroom while my parents had the Accordion man sing carols outside my door. And although I love the Pixies, Leonard Cohen and the like, the holiday season calls for something smoother, universal and upbeat. Billie Holiday is a better choice and so is Nina Simone. Louis Armstrong's throat warms any December eve. I am all for holiday dance parties as well, either 80s themed, hip hop. DJ. A Swing or Salsa band will liven any American party.

Better yet, when the caroling is done, rent a karaoke machine, stack up the bar and all else will fall into place. Be prepared for surprises in all forms as guests take to table tops. Soon investment banker husbands will wrap ties around their heads, and with disheveled comb-overs, belt out the Village People while soccer-moms transform into little Debbie Gibsons. Sit back and watch top-buttoners and staunch right-wingers unleash their inner rock stars. Who knew your boss knew the words to Prince, that the entire golf squad knows how to Macarena. Who could have guessed that the president of the country club, who started off with a bashful "Silent Night," would conclude (after an impressive show of progressively slurred one-hit wonders) by gyrating to "Like a Virgin"? See your accountant sing "Paradise City," or that straight-arrow uncle do an impromptu Ziggy Stardust routine. It's quite uplifting to witness the tight-lipped emerge from their shells. Just watch out for heavy-drinkers. At times the hook might be a necessity to preserve any shred of composure or dignity at your party. But who said holiday parties had anything to do with either of these?

–Julia Nasser

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Finger Crushing, Nut Cracking, Little Wooden Men

The idea of a nutcracker coming to life may be part of the Christmas tradition, but for those suffering from Xylophobia (the fear of wooden objects), this is almost as eerie as *Pinocchio* and *The March of the Wooden Soldiers.* The gaping jaw and the stoic gaze of these little men should ward off sticky, peppermint flavored fingers, but no, they crush their little digits anyway. Each year, numerous children learn that when their mother says,"Nutcrackers aren't toys," she means it.

Part voodoo doll, part kitchen appliance, the Nutcracker is as much a part of Christmas as stockings and eggnog. With its mysterious origins deep in the timbered mountains of Germany, the first nutcrackers, like so many other Christmas traditions, cannot be pinned down to an exact date. It is believed that the art of carving nutcrackers began in the eighteenth century, although the word "nusskracker" does not make it into the dictionary of "High German" until the 1830s. The Brothers Grimm describe the term as "often in form of a misshaped little man, in whose mouth the nut, by means of a lever or screw, is cracked open."

On a quest for wealth, speculators set out to the Sonneberg and Erzgebirge regions of Germany, which were rich in minerals such as gold, silver and cobalt. They began mining and although some became prosperous on account of what they found in the earth, a great deal more discovered something growing *up from* the earth. During the harsh winters when the men could not mine, they began harvesting the timber from the forest and carving ornamental nutcrackers. When the mines eventually ran dry, the people stayed and began to carve nutcrackers year-round.

As the trade grew, the designs became more creative. Nutcrackers began to appear in various forms; most popular were soldiers and kings, but they were also decorated as policemen, monks, and even Napoleon Bonaparte (it must have been used for smaller nuts).

In many cultures, wooden statues were thought to protect the people who owned them. This practice existed in Germany as well, where it became common for families to give nutcrackers as gifts in an attempt to ward off evil spirits and bring prosperity into the home. Presumably, this is how the nutcracker became affiliated with Christmas. In a season where it is better to give than receive, Germans sought to offer luck and good tidings to their kin, so they presented them with oddly shaped wooden men who crushed nuts with their mouths. In 1870, the "father of the nutcracker," Wilhelm Füchtner, produced the first "Erz Mountains Nutcracker," and by incorporating a lathe, began to produce nutcrackers on a large scale. Others quickly caught on to the ease this machine brought and soon many, including the Steinbach and Christian Ulbricht companies, began to produce nutcrackers in this fashion.

The little wooden men became popular throughout Europe and gained even more fame when E.T.A. Hoffmann's *The Nutcracker and the King of Mice* was published somewhere between the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The tale of Christmas nutcrackers coming to life was the basis of Tchaikovsky's famed 1882 ballet, *Nutcracker Suite.*

The initiation of the nutcracker into the American Christmas tradition is far newer than that of Germany. Although German immigrants were known to have brought nutcrackers with them as they traveled across the Atlantic, it wasn't until the late 1940s and 1950s when nutcrackers began to gain popularity in the United States. With so many American servicemen stationed in Germany at the end of WWII, it wasn't surprising that the little wooden soldiers, who were believed to ward off evil, became popular among the men. When they returned to the States they brought the nutcrackers with them and spread the tradition to this side of the Atlantic. The arrival of Tchaikovsky's ballet soon thereafter only added to their charm and character.

Today, nutcrackers have become more than just decoration, they have become Christmas collectibles. Although the process of manufacturing nutcrackers has changed drastically over the past few centuries, the rich history remains the same. Practically two hundred years after taking to the lathe, the Steinbach family still produces elegant, high-end nutcrackers in Germany. Their care and love of wooden men is known the world over. From their beginnings in the mining town of Erzgebirge, these wooden men have stood the test of time (and curious fingers), carving themselves a niche in Christmas traditions throughout the world.

–Christian McLean

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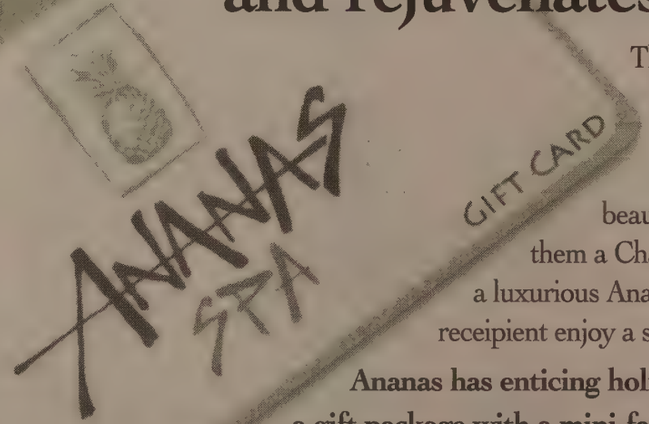

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ART COMMENTARY With Marion Wolberg Weiss

APRIL GORNIK AT DANESE GALLERY: WHERE EXTERIORS AND INTERIORS MEET

Part 1

While April Gornik is known as a landscape artist, particularly a painter of seascapes and cloudscapes, she's also a fiction writer. Make no mistake, Ms. Gornik has never penned a novel or short story that we know of, but her works possess a narrative structure that goes beyond their physical beauty.

Ms. Gornik's paintings also go beyond the borders of her canvas. Literally. A case in point (and perhaps the only concrete example so far) is her current show at Chelsea's Danese Gallery. One piece, "Sunset at the Equator," is placed next to the only window in the gallery. The view outside strangely resembles Ms. Gornik's own painting: a building overlooking Chelsea Piers, its rooftop possessing a striking red, horizontal edge.

Ms. Gornik's work also features a horizontal cloud configuration that reflects a red glow from the sun. Thus, the colors and forms of the interior painting mirror the exterior rooftop. In fact, the rooftop could be a painting as well, with the gallery window providing a frame. (Such a phenomenon is also acknowledged by the gallery director, when he's asked if the placing of "Sunset at the Equator" was done with this subtle connection to the rooftop.)

This pairing of Ms. Gornik's created work with a manmade structure, a transition from interior to exterior space, is the only authentic example of a story being played out beyond Ms. Gornik's picture plane. Her other works only suggest what may be happening in the outside world, may only create the concept of expanded space.

Work by April Gornik

Even so, it's apparent that diverse movement becomes a salient, powerful device that Ms. Gornik uses to extend space, to create a place where a mood or narrative can continue. In "Sun, Storm, Sea" the motion of the clouds above and the water beneath draws us toward the horizon, as if the elements are being sucked into a vacuum beyond where they will form a new configuration and "story."

Conversely, "Storm at Sea" manifests movement that is rising and falling like a fountain, its "plot" evolving each time spray hits the water. Yet, it appears that when the spray comes down to earth, it moves farther away, eventually disappearing beyond the horizon.

Sometimes, however, another technique accounts for Ms. Gornik's movement. For example, "Valley Light" resembles mysterious, monolithic structures, their receding shadows suggesting a different story taking place in the far distance. "China Light" creates a similar effect.

Naturally, the next step would lead us to imagine the nature of such stories. We leave that for another time and place.

April Gornik's exhibition will be on view until Dec. 23 at Danese Gallery, 535 West 24 Street, New York. (Tel. 212-223-2227) Ms. Gornik will be appearing at Canios Books on December 17 at 6 p.m.

Honoring the Artist: Anna Jurinich

To say that this week's cover artist, Anna Jurinich, is a painter of diversity, may be putting it mildly. While the cover image depicting a Christmas ornament is rather straightforward, other works are quite different. And so are Ms. Jurinich's many projects. A case in point: the ornament is an illustration from a children's book the artist is writing called *The Christmas Odd Box*. About the work, Ms. Jurinich says the Xmas ball is actually a character. She got the idea "when I would put my ornaments away after the holidays. I would close the box and say, 'Be good in there.'"

The ornament's subtle realism is also a deviation from most of Ms. Jurinich's styles. Consider the following examples: a vase of flowers recalling Van Gogh; a woman and child resembling Egon Schiele's art; a cluster of flowers that is both realistic and abstract.

Ms. Jurinich's subject matter is just as varied: lovely still lifes; grotesque figures; playful images from the book she illustrated for writer Loraine Page, *Mama, Are We Eating?* It's apparent that her themes show different aspects of life as well. (A particularly intense political piece, "Stop," recalls the war in Croatia.)

Ms. Jurinich has had a similarly diverse professional background, from her days at the High School of Art and Design, to Parsons, to *Women's Wear Daily* where she was a fashion illustrator, to Florence, Italy where she restored objects in a monastery by day and worked at a disco at night.

While it was in Florence that Ms. Jurinich met her future husband, the couple returned to New York to get married. Eventually they moved from Queens and settled in Wading River, a place the artist says she fell in love with at first glance. Perhaps the setting by the water reminded her of Croatia, where she grew up.

Despite Ms. Jurinich's varied life experiences, she has always had a penchant for art. "I would always draw figures with heads but no necks. One day my father said this was wrong, that people had necks," she recalls.

"When I was little, no one gave me paper to draw on, so I drew a face on the furniture." Ms. Jurinich laughs at the memory. Thank goodness her father understood her motivations and didn't punish his daughter for the deed.

Ms. Jurinich doesn't draw on furniture anymore. But her work has appeared in exhibitions sponsored by New York State (she received a Decentralization Grant for her theme on death) as well as such places like the East End Arts Council and local galleries.

In the meantime, Ms. Jurinich continues to be astounded by the world's diversity and the opportunities it presents for her work.

–Marion Wolberg Weiss

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BOCA LUPO ART GALLERY – Walter Krajicek's work on display. Located at 552 West Lake Drive in Montauk.

CELADON – The Potters of the Clay Art Guild of the Hamptons are having a holiday sale through December 18. Open Saturday and Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 726-2547. Located at 41 Old Mill Road in Water Mill.

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THE DEPOT GALLERY – Located at the Montauk Arts Community Center at the junction of Edgemere and Flamingo Roads. Call 668-1283.

THE DRAWING ROOM – "Affinities:A Salon Installation of Contemporary and Historical Works" runs through January 8. Located in East Hampton at 16R Newtown Lane. Hours are Thursday – Monday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Call 324-5016.

PICK OF THE WEEK
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GALLERY MERZ – Winter exhibition: "Art From Detritus" on display at 95 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 725-2803.

GRENNING GALLERY – "Gems of the Grenning Gallery" showing through December 23. Also introducing James D Albison and Sculptor Gwen Marcus. Located at 90 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Call 725-8469.

GUILD HALL – The Museum now showing two one person exhibitions showcasing the work of Judith Leiber and Linda Alpern through January. Located on Main Street in East Hampton. Call 324-0806.

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HAMPTON ROAD GALLERY – Now showing "Diane Tuft," a survey curated by Graham Leader that runs through December 27. Gallery hours are Fri.-Mon. 11-5 p.m. Call 204-9704. 36 Hampton Road in Southampton.

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JADE NECTAR GALLERY EAST – Artist Daria Deshuk "Street Scene" selected works will be exhibited December 10-January 8 with a reception on December 10, 5-8 p.m. Located at 77 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Call 283 6308

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RVS FINE ART – Announces the opening of the Holiday Exhibition, featuring paintings from gallery artists Fabrice Dupre, Jeff Muhs and Manuele Vonthron. The show runs through January.

Located at 20 Jobs Lane, Southampton, New York. Call 631-283-8546

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SOLAR – "Threads" opens on December 14, with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m. on December 17, and runs through Jaunuary 14. "Located at 44 Davids Lane in East Hampton. Call 907-8422.

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Entertainment In The Hamptons

review: nutcracker at stony brook university

The Seiskaya Ballet's performance of the *Nutcracker* premiered this past weekend at the Staller Center at Stony Brook University. There was not an empty seat in the house, as families patiently awaited the opening of this traditional holiday spectacular, and once the performance began, our imaginations were transported to another time, another place and another world filled with fantasy and dream-like characters.

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* (an odd fairytale he composed in 1891) has been dazzling audiences for years, and the Seiskaya Ballet delivered a first rate version with its young talent, elegant costumes and vibrant set designs. The storyline has been modified by some in the past with slightly different variations apart from the original *Nutcracker*, but the main thread of this quirky tale remains. Although the story is not a typical fairytale, because of its unusual combination of puzzling segments and strange characters that don't quite fit together, a feeling of delightful enchantment filters through the haziness.

Dancers Christina Schifano, Sara Dowd and Kiersten Engel, with special guests Luciano Lazzarotto and Michael Cusumano, display stupendous talent and captured our undivided attention with every leaping bound. Each dancer brings something special to the show with of course a few standouts including a beautiful performance of "Sugar Plum Pas de Deux" by Christina Schifano, whose poise and grace light up the stage, and the powerful Luciano Lazzarotto (who studied at the American Ballet and San Francisco Ballet School in addition to a long list of international credits).

The choreography of every scene was seamlessly orchestrated by Choreographer Valia Seiskaya, who founded the Seiskaya Ballet School in 1974. Seiskaya has trained many students who have gone on to professional careers and who have been awarded scholarships at major theater companies such as the American Ballet Theater, New York City Ballet, and Boston Ballet, just to name a few.

Some of the more visually beautiful scenes in this performance of the *Nutcracker* included the "Dance of the Snowflakes" and the "Dance of the Flowers." It was almost like each scene became more magical than the next, with the exact combination of movement, music and set design.

The costumes were outstanding and Costume Mistress Ronni Camhi's creativity and use of bold colors, specifically with the Victorian gowns, were radiant. Also her use of soft muted tones highlighted with a splash of sparkle on a few costumes added to the dream-like mood of several scenes.

And finally, through the innovativeness of Set and Scenery Designer Margaret Piotrowska, an ordinary stage was transformed into a magical land with colorful and interchangeable scenery that was perfectly matched with impeccable lighting created by Lighting Designer Elizabeth Silver. This complemented by brilliant stage direction by Stage Manager Ted Kastrinos made for a flawless show.

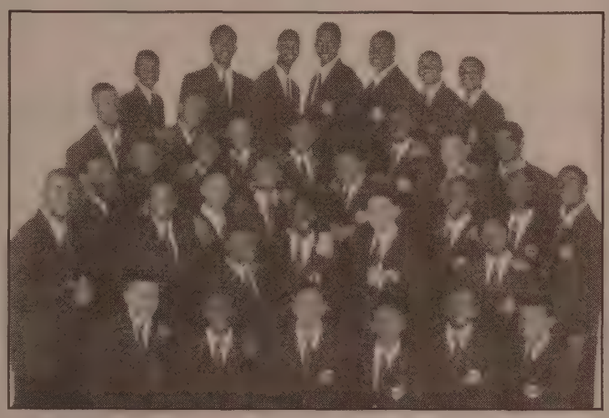
The Seiskaya Ballet delivers one of the most memorable and delightful versions of the *Nutcracker* that should not be missed! The Staller Center for the Arts is like a little slice of Broadway set in the middle of Long Island.

For more information on future performances and ticket sales, please call 631-632-ARTS.

–Kelly Krieger

review: the boys choir of harlem

It's not your typical school concert! When you hear the melodious sounds of the Boy's Choir of Harlem you will sit back in delight and be mesmerized. These talented young men, grades 6-12, lift music to where it's never gone before. The captivating synchronization of the 44 voices takes your breath away as they perform Classical music, Broadway pieces and Hip Hop. They amazed audiences last year with their talent and energy and are set to perform once again at the West Hampton Performing Arts Center on Saturday, December 17th at 8 p.m. This concert is sure to be one of the delights of the holiday season.



The choir was started 38 years ago under the direction of Dr. Walter Turnbull and has ballooned into not only a performing group, but an academy where students receive musical instruction as well as a fine academic education. Dr. Turnbull used music as a "hook to capture the attention of inner city children and give them the opportunity to realize their creative potential through music and to extend their artistic successes to achievement in academic and social spheres."

Many of these students come from lower income families and what are considered at-risk environments. Astoundingly, more than 98 percent of the graduates from this fine academy go on to achieve a college education. The students' day begins at 8:30 a.m. just like typical school children, but from there their day is anything but ordinary. In addition to taking part in a strict academic curriculum which includes English, Math, Social Studies, Science and Foreign Language, the students are taught Piano, Music Theory, Movement and Dance. Their day often extends to 6:30 p.m. It is the belief that when students learn the discipline of music and achieve the love of performing, they are able to apply the concentration to their other academic subjects.

The academy has been named one of the top 10 high schools in New York City out of a possible 200 – and it is the only alternative school on the list. According to Dr. Turnbull, an academy of this magnitude is not always easy to maintain and currently obstacles are being faced in regard to sustaining the school at its current prestigious level. "We are facing money obstacles and managerial problems that won't go away, and are having difficulty getting a 'Memorandum of Understanding,'" stated Dr. Turnbull. "Staff has been laid off." As a rescue he is working with volunteers on this tour. He stated that "dismantling this model that seems to be successful is difficult."

Dr. Turnbull and his board are working hard to solve these monetary issues and his focus, as always, is on the children. "I'm very straightforward and honest and insist on a high level of excellence." The training and discipline certainly pay off. The talented group is nationally recognized and performs over 100 times a year, locally and all over the country. This holiday show will feature European canon, such as Haydn, Bach and Mozart, through modern composers and contemporary works. In addition to classic repertoire and jazz and Broadway selections, their program includes such holiday classics as "We Need a Little Christmas," "Let It Snow," and "O Holy Night." Choreographed African-American spirituals, gospel, jazz, pop and hip-hop. This tour has taken the boys all the way from Memphis to Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio and now landing on our doorstep in the Hamptons.

"The tour has been wonderful," Dr. Turnbull said. "We have been greatly received all over the country." He spoke of how warm the Hamptons audience was last year. "They were great and the theater was packed to the gills." He told me that the students compete for positions in the choir and "they must be working at their potential and working hard." One boy told Dr. Turnbull that he likes to put smiles on people's faces." Dr. Turnbull said that in return the children love an appreciative audience.

Many Boys Choir alumni have gone on to be "doctors, preachers, lawyers and teachers." Dr. Turnbull mentioned Roger Holland (composer and musician) and Leon Williams (opera singer) who were students that trained under his guidance. "A few alumni have come back to teach and choreograph," he said with "fatherly" pride. More information on the choir can be found by going to their website www.boyschoirofharlem.org.

Tickets are on sale at the Westhampton Performing Arts Center for $85, $70, and $60. Call the box office at (631) 288-1500 or stop by 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach from Wednesday to Sunday, between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

–Jessica Gold

Entertainment In Town

review: seascape...by gordin & christiano

A handsome revival of Edward Albee's 1975 Pulitzer Prize winning *Seascape* is being presented by Lincoln Center at the Booth Theater. The play won Mr. Albee the first of his three Pulitzer Prizes, but hasn't been seen on Broadway since its original premier in 1974. In retrospect, however, the award to *Seascape* seems a bit of a consolation for the notorious snubbing of Mr. Albee's ground-breaking and searing drama *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* in 1962.

The entire action of *Seascape* takes place one afternoon on a secluded beach, where an elderly couple has nestled for the day. Designer Michael Yeargan has created an astonishingly real series of oceanfront dunes that obscure the sea just beyond. The magnificent blue sky above the horizon is vividly lit by Peter Kaczorowsi to evoke a perfect sun drenched summer's day.

Photo by Joan Marcus

Frederick Weller, George Grizzard, Elizabeth Marvel and Frances Sternhagen

A charming Frances Sternhagen and a brusquely cynical George Grizzard play the retired couple, Nancy and Charlie. When the play begins she is painting near the top of the largest dune where she can almost see the ocean. He is lying several feet below her on a blanket near their recently finished picnic lunch, working on a crossword puzzle. Their children have grown and they are discussing, often bickering over, what they might do with their remaining years. She wants to explore the world in search of peaceful beaches. Feeling he has earned the right, he would like nothing more than to stay at home and relax. As their conflict escalates, Nancy notices something down by the water. What suddenly appears from over the dunes are two scary looking human size sea creatures, Leslie and Sarah, played by Frederick Weller and Elizabeth Marvel. They are costumed by Catherine Zuber as superbly detailed long tailed glistening green lizards.

Leslie and Sarah just happen to be a monogamous couple that speak English and are emerging from the sea for their very first excursion onto land. The four, after their early trepidations with one another, eventually ease into a surrealistic sharing of their diverse experiences. Leslie and Sarah have produced thousands of children from Sarah's eggs, sending them on their own after a brief interval. Nancy and Charlie on the other hand have only three children and have kept them at home for almost 20 years. As the four compare the differences of their respective lives, what we get is light airy banter in which Nancy and Charlie try to teach the sea creatures about human life.

The play is a philosophical comedy that makes whimsical comments on evolution. Here is the playwright's antithesis to *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?,* in which Mr. Albee paints a gentle, even tender image, of two loving couples and gives an optimistic glimpse of the "golden years."

As directed by Mark Lamos, the production is too comfortable, lacking dramatic rhythm. The appearance of the sea creatures ought to be alarming, even frightening. Instead what we see is a mildly unsettling confrontation that is all too quickly relaxed, thus missing any of the underlying tension that might be more fully developed. The heat of the summer's day seems absent, as well, in his rather comfy staging.

Ms Sternhagen, in particular, never really enters the life of the play, relying instead on her considerable charm. The two-time Tony Award winning actress hasn't been led to fully invest herself into the action, whether it is her painting, her spats with Charlie, or whatever. She gives a nice performance that stays in the middle range, sort of humming along, but doesn't serve the play with her quick adjustments to everything.

Mr. Weller and Ms. Marvel share some wonderful moments with their affectionate body language, crafting a warm image of a loving married couple. Ms. Marvel is an excellent actress, who creates an affecting Leslie that is most human-like, possessing real heartwarming emotions. She is quite effective in blending the line between her character's animal and human nature.

Mr. Grizzard, who won a Tony Award as Tobias in a revival of Mr. Albee's *A Delicate Balance* is outstanding. He captures Charlie's hidden anxieties and fills many of his moments with a dramatic, poignant wisdom that is missing from much of the evening.

Seascape opened at the Booth Theater, 222 West 45th St, on November 21, 2005 for a limited engagement through January 8th, 2006. Tickets are available at the box office or by calling Tele-Charge at 212-239-6200.

Barry Gordin and Patrick Christiano are theatre critics. Barry Gordin is an internationally renowned photographer. They can be reached at bg6@verizon.net.

Dave Evans' MINI – MOVIE REVIEWS

The Family Stone

A family bonding together at Christmas time is classic material and although it's spiked here in that the characters are bonding over their loathing of an interloper, this is predictable fare. That said, the cast is extremely strong (Claire Danes, Diane Keaton, Rachel McAdams and Sarah Jessica Parker, to name just the women) and the plot crackles along at a respectable pace.

Syriana

After the sumptuous pleasure of *Good Night and Good Luck*, it's hard to feel quite as excited for this new George Clooney vehicle. Taking a harsh and piercing glance at the state of the oil industry, this tense drama from the screenwriter of *Traffic* suffers only under the weight of its own seriousness. Worthy and well put together, just not a particularly enjoyable experience.

King Kong

Bigger than *Harry Potter* and surely mean enough to crush the wretched beasts of *Narnia*, Peter Jackson's remake of the classic lumbers onto the Christmas market. Boasting stunning landscapes and perhaps unnecessarily strong actors, nothing can compete with the spectacle of Kong himself, mapped on the body movements of the excellent Andy Serkis (Golem in *The Lord of the Rings*).

Aeon Flux

The film that nearly killed Charlize Theron finally makes it to the movie theater and seems to have been well worth the risk. Backed by a surprisingly highbrow cast (Sophie Okonedo, Pete Postlethwaite and Frances McDormand are the tip of the iceberg here), Theron stars as the title character, an undercover operative, 400 years from now. Breathtaking science fiction.

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

The fantasy bandwagon of *Lord of the Rings* and *Harry Potter* was clearly too tempting for those holding the rights to C.S. Lewis' humorless children's saga. While the sets are captivating, the plot is didactic and the action surprisingly dull. The ever-great Tilda Swinton does a fantastic turn as the White Witch but she alone can't inject life into this sad flop.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

How long can this keep going on? As the young stars of the series struggle to hide their growth with longer hair and bigger capes it is hard to wonder how the same actors will be shoehorned into their gowns when J.K. Rowling's saga finally rolls to an end. *Four Weddings and a Funeral* director Mike Newell takes over here and it is the usual fun, backed by a phenomenal cast of British character actors.

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Guy de Fraumeni's Hollywood In The Hamptons

RENT

Heaven forgive me, Sigmund Romberg. I hesitate to admit that oh, so-o-o many high brow musicals gave me the impression that when one of the stars broke out into song, I thought they were breaking out into a rabid case of rabies. Some of the low down musicals had singers belting out a number. This had me wanting to belt *them* one. Belatedly, this is the movie version of *RENT*, the 1996 rousing pop-rock theatrical musical of the 1980's "bohemia" low rent-lower Manhattan where its denizens sought art, drugs, and freedom to pursue a self-prophesizing youth of eternal duration, except for the awful onslaught of AIDS – then a death sentence. How you feel about the high-energy enthusiasm of the singers and their songs written by Jonathan Larson will depend on where you were and find yourself now in the wide spectrum of social, political, and statistical tolerance.

Admittedly, *RENT* is out-dated – you can see it in the cumbrance of age in many of the original cast members appearing in the film. The heart of its message has been bypassed. The low rent spaces now sell for millions and words used to bind compassion have lost their value, but the movie *RENT* repossesses the Lower East Side's original *real* Real Estate values: the fervent belief in beauty-in-the-eye-of-the-beholder-kind of pleasure, grief can be a measure of reason, and a person's worth cannot be measured. *RENT*, the current revival on film, miraculously resurrects the flower child's faith. Each song lifts the spirit of humble means in adrenalizing fashion – even as it pertains to addicts, drag queens, and other outsiders. This is yours *if* you are happy to cast off your mortgage (or mortgages), and who wouldn't be? You can go back to the days when meeting the rent payment was your main commitment, the *RENT* movie can release you from the leaking roof or automatic garage door malfunctions. However, if your worries are much much greater and you espouse religious arch-conservatism, the film *RENT* doesn't have a prayer.

The classic "La Boheme" shimmers in the wings of the basic, hand-me-down settings that take on a lifting grace as the cameras find inspired performers and carefully avoid the suppressive shadows of the force of then mayor Giuliani. In the bright spotlight, Jonathan Larson's unrelentingly passionate score elevates each and every cast member who takes their turn at "turning the audience on," and do they ever! Mark is the pretentious "film" maker (portrayed by Anthony Rapp) who shares one of those rank lofts with Roger (Adam Pascal) who fails as a rock artist and also as a lover – he has been an addict and his lover has succumbed to AIDS. He's not sure of a close relationship to Mimi (Rosario Dawson) who's an exotic dancer and downstairs neighbor. The building they live in is owned by Benny (Tave Diggs). An old friend, he visits them frequently. He's the one who has sold out to "them" – he no longer shares in "being an us." AIDS also haunts lovers Angel (Wilson Jermaine Heredia), a plucky transvestite, and Tom (Jesse L.Martin), a philosophy instructor. The residents of Avenue A in NYC live in the ominous shadow of gentrification. This does *not* have them mourning. Their intent is to *live*.

Being alive and lively is the thing. Sure, AIDS and gentrification are taking their toll. Innocents are being killed and encroaching realty "improvement" is demolishing their living style. Bohemia is facing bulldozer opposition. Moralistic clean-up squads and immoralistic real estate armed forces ride with Rudy, and still rising above them in musical defiance. The exotic dancer Mimi releases an animalistic "Out Tonight," Idina Menzel as Maureen, the performance artist, does a duet with her jealous lover Joanne (Tracie Thoms). It's a knockout. Mr. Larson's great song, "La Vie Boheme" is an anthem to the passing of Bohemia. It ridicules attitudes and lists, categorically, the childishness of their unmitigated pleasure in beauty. It's romanticism at its rawest.

RENT is sentimental at its core and as unrealistic as believing the world is round. It doesn't just beat at its bare breast – it tears it open to reveal a heart that is big and, beating as loudly and strongly willed as the bulldozers. Time can crumble big buildings but dreams fly far above them in the dewy mist of moist eyes.

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Harry Potter – Fri–Thurs 12:40, 4, 7, 10:15
Capote – Fri–Tues 12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
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Chronicles of Narnia – Fri–Tues 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30 Wed and Thurs 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30
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Chronicles of Narnia – Fri–Thurs 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30
King Kong – Fri–Thurs 11:30, 3:30, 7:30

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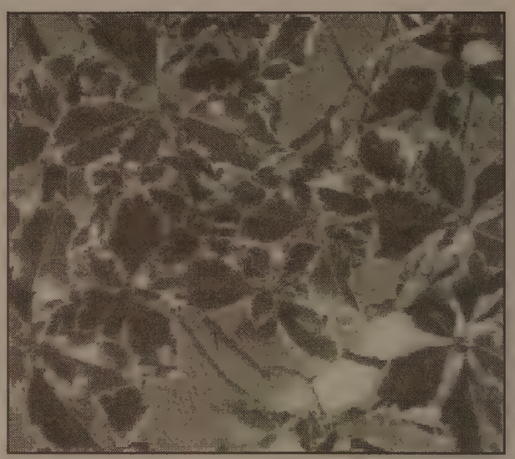
Holiday Planting

At this time of year, people scurry to purchase wreaths, trees, and poinsettias. The holidays are enhanced by the presence and smell of evergreens, and the beautiful, velvety red, orange, and creamy white of flowers. The tradition of using living branches and boughs to decorate at the holidays dates back to long before the birth of Christ. It is a tradition more about the anticipation of spring and the fragrance of greenery than religion.

This year alone there will be about 40 million Christmas trees sold in the United States. Most of these will be cut trees that are discarded after a 2-3 week stint in homes. These trees, while cut and discarded, play an important role in our lives. During the 8-to-10 years it takes to grow a Christmas tree, they help to remove dust from the air, provide habitat and food for animals, and create fresh air in the form of oxygen. After the holidays, recycled evergreens are used to protect against soil erosion on beaches, and are strewn in ponds and lakes to provide shelter for fish.

Most of the reputable East End nurseries sell both cut and rooted trees that are wrapped in burlap. Rooted trees are quite expensive just before the holidays, but many go on sale just afterwards. For the clever shopper, these after-Christmas trees can provide beautiful specimens to plant this winter at a fraction of their original cost!



Though spring and fall planting are the most popular, winter planting of evergreens can be quite successful if the roots have been kept moist while at the nursery, and a few rules are followed.

Once purchased, rooted evergreens should be planted as quickly as possible. If you must delay for a few days, keep the root ball moist to keep the tree from becoming dehydrated. Be careful not to drop or pull too much on the trunk of the tree, which potentially disturbs and breaks some of the roots in a frozen root ball.

While a winter thaw is helpful to digging a suitable hole, if you can get through the first six inches or so of soil, you can be successful. Try placing a bucket of hot water over the area where you want to position the tree; in about an hour, the soil should be pliable enough to dig.

Dig a hole slightly deeper than the depth of the root ball and about one-and-a half times the diameter. Fill the hole with a bucket of water and let it soak in. Line the hole with some peat. If the root ball is frozen, remove wire caging and burlap before planting the tree. Position the tree in the hole so that the level of the soil on the root ball is slightly higher than the surrounding hole, and backfill with the excavated soil (the root mass will sink slightly as spring comes). Water again heavily, and mulch.

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We've all heard about Oprah's "favorite things" show. She usually has one during the summer and then one close to the holidays. During the course of the show lady O gives away thousands of $$$$'s worth of gifts, and platforms all of her favorite products, "things" that she believes people simply should or would love to have. It's a lot of fun to watch and also gives one great ideas for holiday gifts. So with this in mind... what's good enough for Oprah...

Welcome to Sam's favorite things for the holidays:

There's just one difference between Oprah's and mine...one little snagette. I'm not giving anything away for free.

Rebecca Moss Pens:

Rebecca Moss pens are, funnily enough, one of Oprah's favorite things. They rival the likes of Mont Blanc, but with more of a focus on design and originality. The pens are beautiful and when using them, you too feel beautiful, not to mention sophisticated and glamorous. I spoke with Sam Zagoory, the owner of Rebecca Moss, who said that, "In a world of computers it's nice to put a gorgeous pen to paper – it makes you feel gorgeous." According to Zagoory, who named his company after his late grandmother, Hamptonite Serena Bass is also a big fan of the pens, as well as Amagansett resident Kaye Leroy of Tavern on the Green. The "Spirit" collection is my personal favorite Rebecca Moss. Spirit pens are stunning and very colorful. They have swirls of colors, from orange and black, to red, blue and brown. I have a stunning ivory colored roller-ball with a black swirl that makes me feel incredibly special when I use it. I'm even eager to write checks. Spirit collection pens start at $150, but some of the collections go up to $1,000. Get them at www.rebeccamoss.com.

A Goat:

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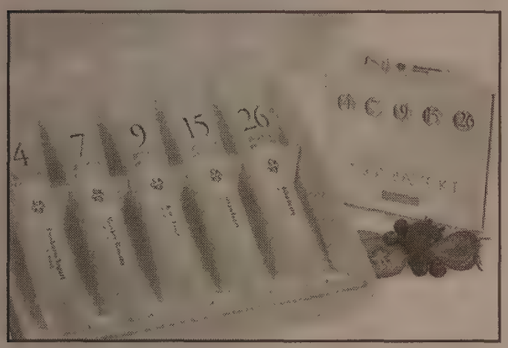

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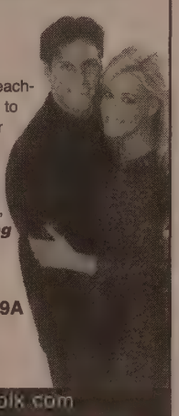

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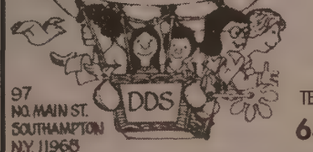

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Real Estates by Diane Strecker

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Where can you find real estate values and sales even higher than in the Hamptons? Why, in New York City, of course. Many of the Hamptons' seasonal residents are second or multiple home owners and it is quite common for them to own a primary residence in the City. **Values in Manhattan have catapulted right along with the Hamptons' market and some of the recent sales have been astounding. On Central Park West a billion dollar condominium project is in the works that spans a full city block and sits on one of the most sought after locations in the country.** Apartments in this very prestigious community overlooking Central Park range from $2 million all the way up to $45 million and they are selling at those prices. And rapidly. **The project brought in $650 million dollars in sales in just the first seven weeks. Out of the 201 residences first offered in late September, 75 are sold, signaling the strength still evident in the luxury market.** The project was developed by brothers Arthur and William Lie Zeckendorf. **In early November a record setting sale closed at $45 million** for one of the Zeckendorf condominiums. **The 10,700 sq ft penthouse condo with a 1,000 square foot terrace sold to a yet undisclosed buyer. This luxury condo has 8 bedrooms and 11 baths.** It features his and hers offices and a screening room. **"Rumors of the impending death of the luxury market in Manhattan have been greatly exaggerated,** as this transaction clearly demonstrates," commented Arthur Zeckendorf. "In fact, with a 40% sell out in less than two months and 12 out of the 16 penthouses sold, **it is evident that billionaires are battling over the opportunity to own at Fifteen Central Park West."** The Zeckendorf family has a long history in the modern development of New York City real estate. "From the onset of this project we have been committed to creating a great design that will honor the architectural history of Central Park West," added William Zeckendorf. The Zeckendorfs have been responsible for **the construction and marketing of numerous luxury properties in Manhattan, including 515 Park Avenue.** In the Hamptons, $45 million will buy you one of the most prestigious estates the East End has to offer. That price would include substantial acreage, have every amenity, and be waterfront. In New York you get to be on top of what was once the site of the Mayflower Hotel with views of the park.

Out here on the East End brokers continue to shift about from one office to the other and from one Fork to the other. Sheri Clarry, one of the Corcoran Group's top North Fork producers, has joined the Westhampton office. Ms. Clarry has **closed more than $15 million in sales on the North Fork this past year, an area that has seen a huge jump in activity over the last 12 months.** In Westhampton, another East End broker, Bob Scribner of Real Hamptons Real Estate, reports **2006 waterfront rentals are already going strong.** He told me that many **buyers of late are now using the their beach houses themselves as opposed to renting them, which has thinned the rental market of waterfront rental listings and increased the demand for them.**

In Westhampton one can rent a **4000 sq ft post modern home on the ocean for $175,000 for the season.** This 6 bedroom, 5.5 baths is set on half of an oceanfront acre. There are ocean views from every room including a dining room, living room with fireplace, and den. There is also a heated pool. It is listed with Real Hamptons Real Estate in Westhampton Beach.

If you would **like to rent an early 1900s authentic Hamptons summer cottage in Southampton you can for a mere $500,000 year round.** This 10,000 sq ft 8-bedroom, 6-bath, three-story shingle-style home on two acres has been completely renovated. It has **a total of 7 fireplaces**, a heated, gunite pool and is nearby the ocean. It is listed with Allan M. Schneider Associates in Southampton.

You can reach Diane at eastendrealest@aol.com

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tree retain moisture. If the tree is planted in a windy area, we also suggest staking and shielding to further protect the tree. Over the course of the winter monitor the soil and water to keep the roots consistently moist.

Provided the tree is not allowed to dry out, it will remain dormant for the remainder of the winter and grow when other vegetation emerges in the spring. Our experience with evergreens planted in winter suggests in the first year the tree sends forth good growth because of the previous years' growth. The second and third years for trees planted in winter seem to be a period of dormancy and very little growth. Winter-planted evergreens need to be monitored closely and watered/fed monthly over the course of the first and second spring, summer, and fall. They will send out substantial growth only in the fourth year.

While winter gardening is tough because of the cold weather and frozen ground, it is a good time to benefit from the discounts of after-the-holiday evergreens in order to add a few new plants to the garden. At the very least, it provides an activity for the avid gardener!

You can contact Lance Brilliantine with any questions or comments at GardenLance@yahoo.com.

Skin (continued from previous page)

Yes, you heard me, a goat, or a pig, livestock in general, are the gift celebrities are giving this season. It's the quintessential gift that keeps on giving. From Susan Sarandon to Barbara Bush, all are giving livestock from Heifer International. But why, you might ask, and how?

Visit www.heifer.org; it's as easy as that! Buy livestock for needy families in over 30 countries, including the U.S. One can spend $20 for a flock of chicks, while a Llama these days goes for $150. But you can also purchase a share of an animal if you prefer (just make sure you don't get the tail – hee hee). Animals prove to be invaluable to families who use livestock to enhance their lives and have, in turn, pledged to pass on any offspring their animal should have to another needy family. What a feel-good gift for all involved. Buy an animal in someone's name and see how great you'll make them feel, as well as yourself. Go to www.heifer.org for more info.

Jaqua's Winter Wonderland Sleepover Kit:

In the Hamptons we all know the meaning of cold, winter days and nights, which means that this wonderland sleepover kit is a great gift for any little princess who might like to pamper herself. Heck, they can even invite a gaggle of gals over and make a real sleepover party of it. There are invitations inside the kit, which also includes every goodie one might need, from Baked Apple Purifying Face Mask to a Mint Cocoa Invigorating Foot Scrub. $25 (available at jaquabeauty.com)

Eshave:

This is a great site to visit for him. Eshave combines stunning design with wonderful and luxurious product. A fun stocking stuffer would be the five mini after shave creams in a variety of scents $12. Or browse the incredibly stylishly designed eshave, brush razor and stand sets. (In all prices.)

Duncan Quinn cashmere jumpers:

Try giving "him" one of these fun and colorful sweaters. They are perfect for Hamptons winters, but with a British flair I certainly can't resist. Being a Brit an' all, I love the look and feel of these cozy, kooky cashmere jumpers. (Jumper – that's British for sweater.) $600 at duncanquinn.com.

He'll get noticed in a crowd wearing one of these – not for the shrinking violet. He's confident and secure.

Breath Palette:

I know it sounds weird, who would want breath-anything as a gift? But this is different, honest. It's the perfect present for the person who has everything, or for those who might need to smile this holiday season. Give 31 mouth-watering toothpaste flavors, from Tropical Pineapple to Indian Curry flavor (no, really). Grape might add a sparkle to a smile, or L'Espresso flavor could give a kick start in the morning. www.breathpalette.com. What a fun and unique gift. 31 funky toothpaste flavors that will surely be the topic of conversation for weeks to come.

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If you can't find the set in stores try www.gloss.com.

Happy Shopping, Happy Holidays and a very happy New Year. See you in 2006.

Letters

COVERS THAT MAKE SENSE
Dear Dan,

I read your paper every week and have been doing so for years. Some of your covers I save. I want to compliment you on the wonderful covers that have been gracing your paper of late. The last few have been terrific.

Thanks for giving us something that we can look at and smile, that we can enjoy and say, yes, this is the Hamptons that I know, that I love. Glad I do not have to turn the cover upside-down, inside-out, or sideways trying to figure out what in the world is on the cover.

Thanks, it's been a pleasure.

Amy Palmer
Bridgehampton
Via e-mail

Maybe we ought to see if we can do one that works upside -down. –DR

FYI
Dear Dan,

Read your feature on the Hoax. FYI, of forty-one filming days, sixteen were here at our home in Armonk. I will be happy to forward a picture.

Also, FYI you and I once spoke about a publication I started, *The Pet Gazette*.

We now have a Westchester; Fairfield and Long Island edition...should have a Hamptons edition.

Jim Dempsey
Via e-mail

Woof.–DR

TWENTYSOMETHING AND NOT ALONE
Dear Dan,

I am a 22-year-old college grad with a creative writing degree, living in the Hamptons, working three jobs, and going to grad school. One of the things that keep me sane during this tumultuous time is reading David's *Twentysomething* column weekly. It has become a ritual for me during my weekend lunch break at job #2. It just gives me hope that I'm not the only person out there confused about, well, everything. Every week I agree with what David has to say and exactly how he says it.

For once nepotism has had an advantage. Thanks for the column.

Sandi Davidson
Via e-mail

He inherited everything. –DR

NAMING THE ROADS
Dear Dan,

I remember reading an enjoyable story in one of your papers some years ago that I have always remembered, as it still reverberates in surprising places. I believe it was called "Of Werewolves and Other Things" or something like that. It concerned your making of local maps for tourists, and the subsequent republishing of these maps by others without attribution. To prove that you had indeed made the map in question, you would often include fictitious roads with humorous names, hence Werewolf Path. It was a very amusing and enjoyable story. But I still see "Werewolf Path" on some so-called reputable maps, all these many years later. Specifically, we had in our business office, an approximate 6- foot by 4-foot laminated map of eastern Suffolk County made by the Champion Map Company and, while searching for a small street in Westhampton, I was suddenly very surprised to see on this rather large wall map, a scraggly line labeled "Werewolf Path"! Well, we know where that came from! LOL.

Anyway, I have remembered this very amusing and enjoyable article of yours all these years, and was hoping to get a copy of it from you for my own personal use and not for publication.

My father built a home in Noyac in about 1963, and we spent many enjoyable times there over the years. My sister now owns the house near Trout Pond on Noyac Road.

Thank You.

Daniel P. Christopher
Patchogue
Via e-mail

I made up the name for the road and they believed it. –DR

EARTHQUAKE FRANKLIN
Dear Dan,

The earthquake you experienced was a body in Oyster Bay spinning in his grave. Franklin was the Democrat.

Kevin Doyle
Las Vegas, Nevada
Via e-mail

Never happen again.–D

FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL?
Dear Dan,

Reading the article regarding casinos on page 29 of the December 2nd edition infuriated me. The comment by Assemblyman Thiele, "They already receive everything they are entitled to," is extremely upsetting. It seems to me the members of the Shinnecock Nation do not have the freedom to do with their property as they see fit.

Is this a privilege given only to the white rich folk who live in mansions or own businesses?

Freedom is not to be doled out as politicians see fit.

Kenneth W. Schaefer
Via e-mail

Can't build a refinery in a residential neighborhood either. –DR

Police Blotter

Unwelcome Guest

A Bridgehampton man who lives on Lumber Lane notified Town Police on November 28 after realizing a stranger had been sleeping in his guest house for over two weeks. The guest house did not have a lock. The house crasher did not care. The homeowner did not realize. He thought it wasn't fair.

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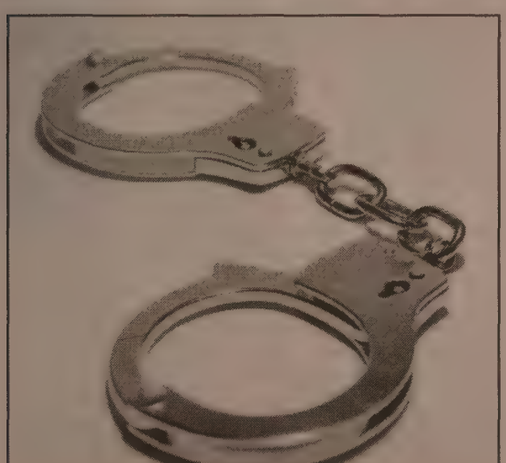
Psychic Psycho

A psychic in Water Mill reported to police that another psychic from New York City had threatened her over the phone on November 2, saying they would bomb her Montauk Highway business. If the aforementioned psycho really had psychic powers, she would neither need a telephone nor a bomb. They would contact the psychic using telepathy and destroy the business using telekinetic energy fireballs. Anyone who has ever watched X-Men cartoons knows that, duh.



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Stray Bullets

A man living in Hampton Bays called police to report that someone had fired a gun around midnight on November 4. No arrests were made but the bullet damaged the man's home.

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Disgruntled Reader

A female employee at Waldbaum's in East Hampton Village politely asked a man who was reading a newspaper to pay for a copy of the *New York Times* on November 6. The man paid all right, after striking the cashier in the face. He then proceeded to leave the shopping center without the newspaper. This sadist paid $1.50 to punch an innocent woman in the face. I'd hate to see this guy at a gas station, let alone at a post office.

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Stop the Presses!

A dollar in change was stolen from a man's car in Sagaponack on November 28. It is uncertain yet assumed that the SWAT team has been notified and will tear the East End apart until they find these coins.

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Goose Heist

On November 28, 15 stuffed goose decoys were stolen from a field that is leased by a Water Mill man. It was speculated that the geese migrated south for the winter, but upon further investigation, it was realized that these geese were actually lifeless objects, devoid of the ability to honk, let alone fly.

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Bad Haircut

The answering machine at a local hair design shop in Montauk was littered with "disturbing messages" on November 29. A woman who was apparently unhappy with a haircut she received in August felt the need to harass this place of business probably because they gave her the "weave cut" instead the ever-so-popular Jennifer Aniston "Friend's cut." Don't mess with a woman's hair.

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Kick Dog

Another case involving phone harassment. An East Hampton man reported to police that he received a prank phone call on November 1. The female prank caller apparently told the man that his daughter had kicked her dog and that he would have to pay the veterinarian bill.

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Light Burglar

A cunning and aspiring detective called police on November 28 after she had witnessed flashlights inside her pool house. Upon further investigation, it was uncovered that what she saw was actually the reflection of her deck lights. It is assumed that the police reassured her that even with a tiny mistake like that, she still has the potential to become a great gumshoe.

–Written and Compiled by Breck Archer

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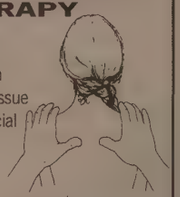
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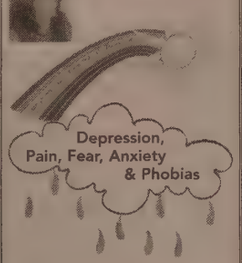

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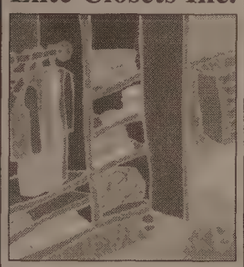

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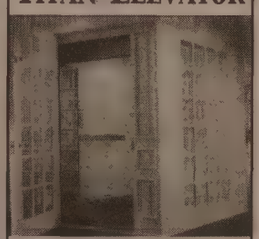
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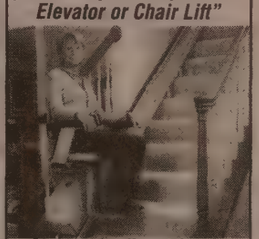
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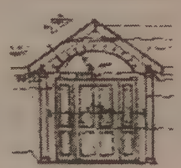
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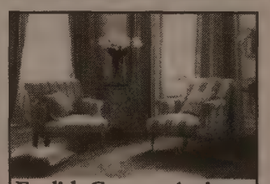
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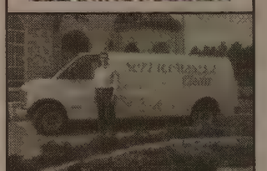
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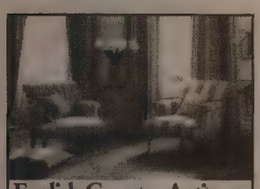

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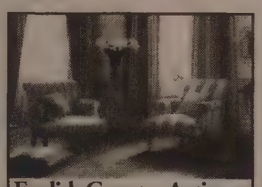

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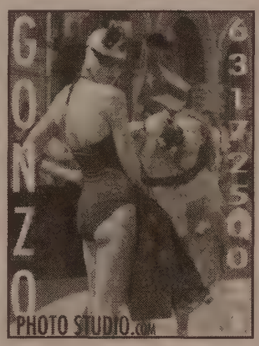

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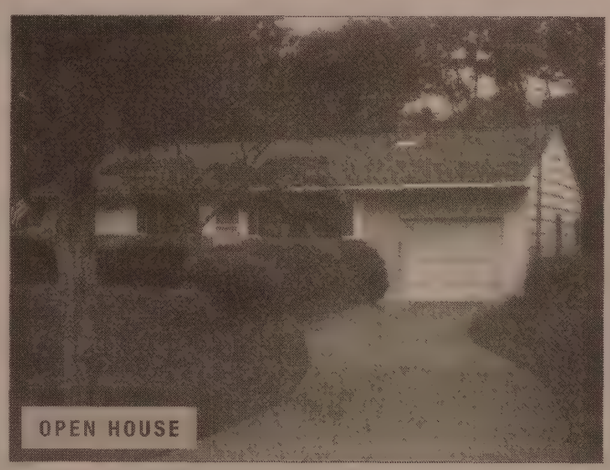

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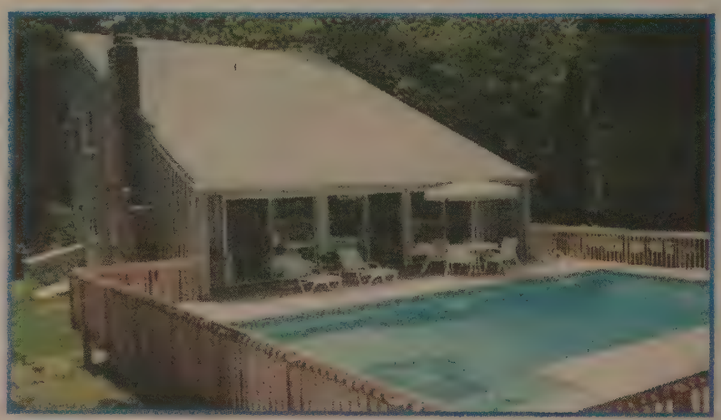

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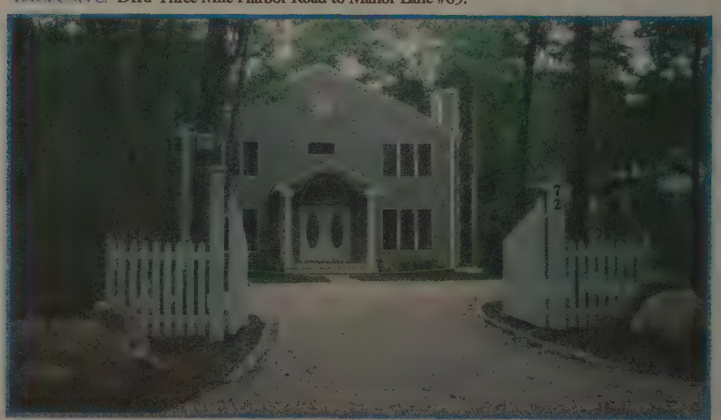

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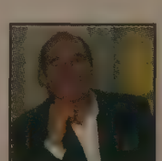
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